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MR. SCHIFF: Madam Leader?

MS. PELOSI: Well, thank you very much. And Mr. Schiff, our ranking members, and to our member and our members of the committee, welcome to this interview. I am sorry that this isn't a bipartisan interview, but the Republican majority has refused to hear a number of witnesses in your case, in terms of Maria Butina, somebody who could have had a valuable contribution.

What the purpose of this is is to seek the truth. So we welcome your testimony. The reason I have to be involved at this level as an ex officio member is because the Republicans would not do it officially. So we are doing it officially, as Democrats. So welcome, and thank you for being here.

MS. MANGIANTE: Thank you very much.

MR. SCHIFF: Thank you, Madam Leader, and thank you -- Mangiante?

MS. MANGIANTE: Mangiante.

MR. SCHIFF: Thank you, Ms. Mangiante, for your willingness to come and testify today.
This is a transcribed interview of Ms. Simona Mangiante as part of our ongoing congressional investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 U.S. election. House Democrat Leader Nancy Pelosi, who is also an ex officio member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, is hosting today's interview.

Before we begin I just want to say a few things for the record. Questioning today will be conducted by Members and staff. Some questions may seem basic, but that is because we need to clarify and establish certain facts and understand the situation.

Please don't assume that we know any facts that you have not previously disclosed as part of -- or that you may have discussed with other investigative bodies. So I wouldn't presume that we are familiar with things that have come to your attention.

This interview will be conducted in a closed format at the unclassified level. The contents of today's testimony will be considered private.

MS. MANGIANTE: Okay.

MR. SCHIFF: And we can discuss thereafter
with you your testimony. We can share with you a transcript to make sure that it accurately reflects what you had to say. And if at any time you need to take a break, let us know. If we can get you anything, let us know.

MS. MANGIANTE: Okay.

MR. SCHIFF: We ask that you give complete replies to questions based on your best recollection. If a question is unclear or you are uncertain in your response, please let us know. Especially if there are any translation or language issues, definitely let us know.

You are entitled to have counsel present for you during the interview.

We appreciate your accommodation by traveling here to Washington, D.C. for the interview.

And let me see if there is anything else. There is a reporter making a record of these proceedings so that we can easily consult a written compilation of your answers. Because the reporter cannot record gestures we ask that you answer all questions verbally. If you forget to do this, you may
be reminded occasionally.

We also ask -- we may also ask you to repeat certain answers to ensure that we have an accurate record of today's testimony.

No recording devices are otherwise permitted. You don't have any recording devices with you, I assume?

MS. MANGIANTE: I have my phones, but they are not active. So I can just switch them off, if you prefer.

MR. SCHIFF: All right. And we will probably go through the various members. We will try to keep this in a chronological order for simplicity. But members may have to come and go because of hearings and other commitments on the Hill. Please don't be put off by --

MS. MANGIANTE: Okay.

MR. SCHIFF: -- those interruptions.

I should mention also under U.S. law it is unlawful to deliberately provide false information to Members of Congress or staff.

Lastly, again, I want to mention our
appreciation for your willingness to voluntarily be
with us and testify today.

And with that, we will begin our questioning
and then we will --

MS. PELOSI: I will excuse myself. Thank you
again for coming.

Thank you, Mr. Ranking Member, and thank you,
members. Thank you to our recorder, as well.

MR. SCHIFF: Thank you, Madam Leader.

MS. PELOSI: Thank you.

MR. SCHIFF: I just want to -- this one I am
going to defer for the beginning of our questioning to
Mr. Swalwell of California.

MR. SWALWELL: Thank you again, Ms.

Mangiante. Do you go by Ms. Mangiante, or is it Ms.
Papadopoulos?

MS. MANGIANTE: I keep my name, Mangiante,
because of recently -- yes, both --

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. Do you intend --

MS. MANGIANTE: But Mangiante is fine.

MR. SWALWELL: Do you intend to change your
name?
MR. SWALWELL: Okay.

MS. MANGIANTE: I think I will add --

MR. SWALWELL: And --

MS. MANGIANTE: -- eventually.

MR. SWALWELL: Is your husband aware that you are testifying today?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: He is? And where is he today?

MS. MANGIANTE: He is in Chicago.

MR. SWALWELL: And did you discuss at all your testimony in advance with your husband?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, very generally.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. And what do you mean by very generally?

MS. MANGIANTE: We were discussing about attendance, we were simply -- something without talking about it, of course. I mean it is not an ordinary event. So we were generally talking about it. And that is not, of course, about the -- I can't discuss the content or whatever, because I don't know what is going to be discussed today.
MR. SWALWELL: Did you talk at all with your husband's lawyer?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: Who is your husband's lawyer now?

MS. MANGIANTE: Thomas Breen.

MR. SWALWELL: Crane?

MS. MANGIANTE: Breen, I think so.

MR. SWALWELL: Breen. Is he Washington-based, or --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, it is a -- based in Chicago.

MR. SWALWELL: It was based in Chicago?

MS. MANGIANTE: Mm-hmm.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. And so you've never discussed --

MS. MANGIANTE: With the lawyer? No.

MR. SWALWELL: -- the facts of this case with his lawyer?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I discussed with the -- George, yes, but not with his lawyers. I don't know if he discussed with his lawyers, but his lawyers are -- I
MR. SWALWELL: Did you rely on any notes, or go back through any emails, text messages, or any type of written correspondence, just to refresh your memory to prepare for today?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes. I mean I think most of the work I have done is -- in my opinion, is the one concerning my work at London Centre, so that is only -- memories I tried to recollect.

MR. SWALWELL: And what types of correspondence did that include?

MS. MANGIANTE: With Professor Mifsud.

MR. SWALWELL: And was that through text messages --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, email.

MR. SWALWELL: Email? All right. And what was the email provider that you were using at the time?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think a Gmail.

MR. SWALWELL: A Gmail account?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, unless -- actually, I didn't have much correspondence directly. But there is this specific email in which I resigned from the London
Centre in which I say that I didn't want my name associated to them any more.

MR. SWALWELL: And were you using at the time an email address from the Centre, or --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, I used to, but I don't know why -- that is why -- emails on my private account, and one of them -- I don't have -- this account has been deleted, so --

MR. SWALWELL: The Centre's account?

MS. MANGIANTE: The Centre's account, of course, yes.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. And do you still use today the same Gmail account that you were using at the time?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. And what is that Gmail address?

MS. MANGIANTE: [redacted]

MR. SWALWELL: And in addition to emails that you had with the professor, did you ever Gchat with the professor?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.
MR. SWALWELL: Okay. Did you ever use Gchat at all --

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: -- during this time?

MS. MANGIANTE: Uh-uh. There are very few email. I mean probably three.

MR. SWALWELL: Have you been in touch with anyone affiliated with the White House, including the White House's counsel's office, with respect to your testimony today?

MS. MANGIANTE: What do you mean, exactly?

Can you please --

MR. SWALWELL: Yes.

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't understand the question.

MR. SWALWELL: Have you talked to anyone at the White House about your testimony?

MS. MANGIANTE: Absolutely not.

MR. SWALWELL: Have you talked to anyone, just in general, at the White House?

MS. MANGIANTE: I have been talking with the reporters. I don't know if they were affiliated with
the White House or not. I don't know if my answer is correct in this extent. But I don't know if they were reporters from the White House or a random request from Twitter, so --

MR. SWALWELL: I meant people who work for the administration, not the -- there is the press, and they cover and report on the administration, and then there is folks that work inside the administration.

Have you talked to anyone who has worked --

MS. MANGIANTE: Inside the administration?

MR. SWALWELL: Yes.

MS. MANGIANTE: As far as I know, no.

MR. SWALWELL: Have you been in touch with anyone affiliated with the Trump campaign about your testimony?

MS. MANGIANTE: That has worked with Trump, affiliated with Trump?

MR. SWALWELL: Yes.

MS. MANGIANTE: Journalists --

MR. SWALWELL: No, excluding journalists.

MS. MANGIANTE: Just give me an example of someone that could be affiliated to the Trump campaign.
Sorry for the wording --

MR. SWALWELL: Yeah. No, so --

MS. MANGIANTE: I just try to be careful. I don't want to be the wrong --

MR. SWALWELL: Like a campaign lawyer, someone representing the campaign as a lawyer. Have you ever worked with anyone --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, no.

MR. SWALWELL: -- in that respect?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: How about a campaign aid? Like Brad Parscale is the campaign manager.

MS. MANGIANTE: I didn't talk with anyone.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. How about, like, an informal advisor to the campaign?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, no.

MR. SWALWELL: If you wanted to get a hold of someone in the Trump campaign, who is the person you know that knows someone in the campaign? Like, other than George?

MS. MANGIANTE: Nobody.

MR. SWALWELL: Nobody. So the only person
you know associated with the campaign, it is safe to say, is George?

MS. MANGIANTE: That I know personally, yes, and another being communicating with anyone else about probably public Twitter exchange with Michael Caputo. That is all --

MR. SWALWELL: When did you have the Twitter exchange with Mr. Caputo?

MS. MANGIANTE: Public, never private exchange. I don't know him. Probably a month ago, when he apologized for calling George a coffee boy. And I just answered, "Thank you."

MR. SWALWELL: Were there any direct messages that were --

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: -- not open --

MS. MANGIANTE: Never.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. Where were you born?

MS. MANGIANTE: Caserta.

MR. SWALWELL: And where is that?

MS. MANGIANTE: It is in south of Italy.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay.
MS. MANGIANTE: Between Rome and Naples.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you live there most of your life?

MS. MANGIANTE: I have been -- I was raised there, then Rome and Naples. Then I study international law in Brussels. I have been working for the European Parliament for seven years.

MR. SWALWELL: What -- how old were you when you moved to Brussels?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't remember. I think it was probably my mid-twenties.

MR. SWALWELL: Was that the first time that you had spent any time outside of Italy?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, no, I also been in Washington. I was studying international law, so I did an international -- I did an internship in Mayer Brown, a law firm in Washington and New York.

MR. SWALWELL: When was that?

MS. MANGIANTE: 2008 -- no, 2007, I think, 2007. So I have been --

MR. SWALWELL: How old were you when you did that internship?
MS. MANGIANTE: Oh, my gosh. Twenty-
something, like -- I don't know. Like my twenties
still.

MR. SWALWELL: And then you --

MS. MANGIANTE: But, like, the dates are --

MR. SWALWELL: And the first year that you
moved to Brussels was when?

MS. MANGIANTE: I moved to Brussels -- I went
first for an internship, I think, in -- I have to see
my CV, but I started work in 2009 until 2016. That is
-- I can recollect. Earlier I did an internship for
six months at European Parliament, as well. But
probably -- let's say a year before, part of the
interchange program now -- I don't recall the exact
dates. I should see my CV.

MR. SWALWELL: So just so I understand,
before moving to Brussels the other countries you had
worked in -- and I am not talking --

MS. MANGIANTE: Work, not. More study and
internship. I mean even in Washington and New York it
was a short internship with Mayer Brown. I was a
junior --
MR. SWALWELL: Any countries, other than the United States?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: Where else?

MS. MANGIANTE: I used to live in London, of course, most recently. And then in Paris, I worked for Versace in Paris right after my studies one year. And Spain, I did my Erasmus project in Europe. It is an exchange program. I think it was my early years at the university. And so Spain and France, England, the United States.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever work in Russia prior to moving to Brussels?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: You never --

MS. MANGIANTE: I went once in Russia for --

MR. SWALWELL: When did you go there?

MS. MANGIANTE: 2015 or '14.

MR. SWALWELL: Was that the first time you had traveled there?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, it was for holiday. St. Petersburg. First I --
MR. SWALWELL: Could you describe your work in Brussels when you first moved there, started working there for the European Parliament?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes. I was working for the labor committee, which is committee on liberty. I can say it in French; I don't know in English. It is like justice and home affairs. I was a legal advisor for this committee administrators -- the qualification on my position.

And then I moved to the presidency office, which is structured with 1 president and 14 vice presidents. Every vice president has a specific task, and I used to work for the vice president, who was the mediator for cases of international child abduction. I ended up managing the office for -- managing those cases, parental child abduction.

MR. SWALWELL: And did you develop foreign contacts while you were in this position? It seems like you are at the center of the European Union and its Parliament.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, of course. Everything is about international relations and -- I mean I think
some kind of work -- mostly from Europe, European
member states and all the representatives from member
states to the European Union.

MR. SWALWELL: Can you tell us in detail who
Professor Mifsud is, and how you met him?

MS. MANGIANTE: Well, in detail, unfortuna-
fortunately, I don't know. But I know that I met
Professor Mifsud for the first time at the European
Parliament through an MEP. I used to work more -- that
I know personally.

MR. SWALWELL: Is MEP Member of European
Parliament?

MS. MANGIANTE: He used to be the head of
socialist group until probably two months ago. Now he
is a Senator in Italy. His name is Gianni Pittella. I
remember he introduced me to Mifsud. I can check on
exactly the date in which he introduced me to Mifsud,
but it was probably a few years ago.

So I knew Mifsud for a few years before I
joined the London Centre international practice --

MR. SWALWELL: Was it before 2016?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, definitely.
MR. SWALWELL: Okay, was it --

MS. MANGIANTE: I think it was around -- must be around 2011, 2012. I don't remember -- I don't recall exactly the date, but definitely before 2016 I met him for the first time, because --

MR. SWALWELL: What was the nature of the introduction? Like why was he --

MS. MANGIANTE: He was attending an event organized by Mr. Pittella, European Parliament, and I was working for the committee. And in that context I remember just -- no, really occasional introduction. He was coming with his student. I remember he was bringing his student to European Parliament to have an experience of the -- know how committee works, political committee works.

And then I -- when my experience at European Parliament was close to the end, I was actually looking for a job in London, and I spoke with Mr. Pittella, who told me, "You should contact Mifsud again, because he is running this London Centre international law practice, which could fit your skills and your competencies. So you might want to contact him," and
that is how I have been in touch with Mifsud, who offered me a position with Nagi Idris, which is the --

MR. SWALWELL: Could you spell that for us?

MS. MANGIANTE: N-a-g-i I-d-r-I-s, Nagi Idris from Sudan, I think, living in London, director of the London Centre international law practice.

And just -- Mifsud at the time was the director of the London Academy of Diplomacy, which is another body. But he became director of the London Center of International Law Practice probably a month earlier I joined.

MR. SWALWELL: So how soon was it after you met Professor Mifsud that you were in talks with him about working for him?

MS. MANGIANTE: No. Actually, the reason why I think Gianni Pittella contact him is to tell him my -- this "Simona Mangiante is looking for a job in London. Do you have anything to offer to her?" So it was -- you know, I think he recommended me to Mifsud, and Mifsud then offered me a position. Well, a position is very --

MR. SWALWELL: Just so I am clear, you first
met -- you were in Brussels when you first had a face-to-face with Professor Mifsud, is that right?

MR. SWALWELL: Was there any contact with him prior to being in Brussels?

MS. MANGIANTE: No --

MR. SWALWELL: Like through email or a phone call?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: So --

MS. MANGIANTE: I met him, and I could not be in touch with him if I didn't know him.

MR. SWALWELL: So after meeting him in Brussels, how soon was it that the job offer --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I --

MR. SWALWELL: -- or negotiation took place?

MS. MANGIANTE: First of all, I mean, I am just -- it is a -- when I met him the first time it was in the context of a political event. I didn't have any intention to leave European Parliament. It was building up my career there. So I met him, like, let's say, I meet you today. Occasion, it is different, but
I -- in the context of a political event.

So I -- as I said, I don't remember exactly when I met him. But the reason why I worked with him is because later on, when my contract was close expire with European Parliament, I was looking for a job in London.

MR. SWALWELL: And how far -- how long after you first met him did that occur? Like, was it six months after, a year after?

MS. MANGIANTE: No. The first time I met him is, as I said, a few years ago. Then I did -- in 2016, let's say May 2016, I started to look for a job. And then, on September 2016 I joined the London Centre.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever see Professor Mifsud outside of Brussels in between those two periods of time?

MS. MANGIANTE: In London.

MR. SWALWELL: In London?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, when I started to work for the London Centre.

MR. SWALWELL: Did he invite you to London, or did you go there and just --
MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: -- happen to run into him?

MS. MANGIANTE: I did need to go to London to meet with Professor Mifsud. When I started to work for the London Centre, he was there.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. So I guess just to clarify, from the time you saw him in Brussels and the time you started working in London, did you ever see him again, face to face, anywhere?

MS. MANGIANTE: From the time I --

MR. SWALWELL: So that first meeting in Brussels, where you were introduced to him by --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: -- the MEP --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: -- and the time --

MS. MANGIANTE: I met him -- probably I have seen him around the European Parliament in a number of occasions. I think it was -- it was my first meeting. Definitely it was not -- I have seen him other times, remember also in the context of another conference.

All the -- he was attending all the conferences
organized by the --

MR. SWALWELL: What was he doing when you were seeing him around? Like what did he represent himself as?

MS. MANGIANTE: He was representing himself as an academic, bringing his student. That is -- as I said, my impression of him has never been as an academic. He looks to me somebody who tried to build connection in political circles. And I don't know for which purpose, but definitely not a transparent person, not somebody definitely could be qualified as an academic. He has many connection, I know, to high level, even in Italy.

What I know is that -- this must be interesting -- he teach also -- he speaks fluent Italian, first of all, is --

MR. SWALWELL: Does he speak any other languages?

MS. MANGIANTE: The language I spoke with him is Italian and English, so I don't know if he speaks other languages. He is from Malta, so he might speak also -- I don't know --
MR. SWALWELL: Do you remember anything about the students he would bring around? Like what type of students were there? And do you know where they were from?

MS. MANGIANTE: That I can't -- I don't remember, no.

As -- I wanted to say that Professor Mifsud would teach at the Link Campus in Rome, which basically train -- it is to train -- how could I say -- intelligence officer. That is something like I think you should dig into, his connection with the Link Campus in Rome.

MR. SWALWELL: Who was the intelligence officer?

MS. MANGIANTE: They train, let's say, the equivalent of FBI agent for the -- I don't know, it is -- for Italy. It is an international campus. So it has student from everywhere. I have never been there, but I have been invited --

MR. SWALWELL: What was Professor Mifsud's connection there?

MS. MANGIANTE: He is a professor there, and
this is called by Stephen Roh wife, which is a Russian princess with a lot of money, and I think it is important information to share.

Yes, very active role, and Stephen Roh -- I don't know if you heard about Stephen Roh --

MR. SWALWELL: Can you spell the last name?

MS. MANGIANTE: R-o-h.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay.

MS. MANGIANTE: He is a Dutch lawyer, a Swiss lawyer, something, married to Russian princess. And he co-owns this Link Campus, where Professor Mifsud --

MR. SWALWELL: You said Link Campus?

MS. MANGIANTE: Link Campus, L-I--k Campus, Rome.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. And how is that connected to Professor Mifsud?

MS. MANGIANTE: Through Olga Roh, which is the wife of Stephen Roh, partner of Mifsud, and friend that co-owned this body -- Professor Mifsud has an important role there.

MR. SWALWELL: What is his role there?

MS. MANGIANTE: Professor -- I mean he is --
I know he was definitely more often at Rome, at Link Campus, than in London. And that is all I know. I mean I think it is interesting to --

MR. SWALWELL: Did he -- did Professor Mifsud tell you that he had a connection there, or did you hear that from others?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I forget from others -- no, I -- no, he told me that he had a connection there. He said that he was creating the partnership with London Centre, organizing a trip to Rome with Nagi Idris. But information that is co-owned by Olga Roh is not coming from Mifsud.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever visit that center, the Link center?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, never.

MR. SWALWELL: No?

MS. MANGIANTE: I have been invited many times, even to give lessons. But --

MR. SWALWELL: Who invited you?

MS. MANGIANTE: Mifsud.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay, and --

MS. MANGIANTE: Nagi Idris, too.
MR. SWALWELL: Did he ever talk about -- considering that a Russian princess was connected to the center, were there Russians studying at the center?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know.

MR. SWALWELL: Did he ever talk about Russians studying at the center?

MS. MANGIANTE: No. And as I said, my experience, Mifsud was focusing on the Middle East, at least as far as I am concerned. And yes, and a lot of ties to Western intelligence. I mean the --

MR. SWALWELL: Mifsud did?

MS. MANGIANTE: -- Link Campus -- yes, definitely. I mean now we know that it was training. At least, I don't know, there is this interesting book wrote by Stephen Roh. I don't know the credibility of this book, self-published, in which he allegedly report the first interview with Mifsud since it has appeared. And it says that, basically, Mifsud trains spies.

MR. SWALWELL: What type of spies?

MS. MANGIANTE: Western intelligence spies, I think, in Rome. I don't know, probably Italian intelligence, I don't know. I am not one.
MR. SWALWELL: Did you -- have you ever heard from -- anything from Mr. Mifsud to make you believe that he was associated with Russian intelligence services?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: No?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, the only -- as I said, the only -- definitely he is a very shady figure to me. He makes --

MR. SWALWELL: Who is?

MS. MANGIANTE: Is a very shady person, is not a --

MR. SWALWELL: Who is?

MS. MANGIANTE: Mifsud.

MR. SWALWELL: Mifsud.

MS. MANGIANTE: Is a way -- behavior is way too -- his communication is rarely direct and transparent, so I am -- would not be surprised to learn he is a intelligent -- now, I don't know from which country. Could be Russia, could be Western intelligence, I don't know. But definitely it is very -- I mean the fact that he disappeared completely, it
is very suspicious.

MR. SWALWELL: When you were working at the parliament and you had a relationship with Mr. -- Professor Mifsud, did he ever ask you about your work, or what was going on in the parliament, or decisions that were being considered?

MS. MANGIANTE: Oh, yeah.

MR. SWALWELL: He did?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: And did he ever ask you to share with him information that was not public?

MS. MANGIANTE: Nagi Idris, his partner, definitely. His partner, definitely. He would tell me usually to keep contact with European Parliament, we need this report, we need that, we need that --

MR. SWALWELL: Can you say the partner's name?

MS. MANGIANTE: Nagi Idris.

MR. SWALWELL: Can you spell that?

MS. MANGIANTE: N-a-g-i I-d-r-i-s.

MR. SWALWELL: Nagi Idris?

MS. MANGIANTE: Idris, yes. I think their
interest in me was because of my political connection
in Europe, and being recommended by the head of
Socialist group at the time was a big boost for them.
And the first day I joined the London Centre they made
me director for international diplomatic relation,
which is a big title, though I didn't expect such a --

MR. SWALWELL: So Idris, is that a male or a
female?

MS. MANGIANTE: It is a male.

MR. SWALWELL: Male. Do you know Mr. Idris's
nationality?

MS. MANGIANTE: Sudan.

MR. SWALWELL: Sudan. And who introduced you
to Mr. Idris?

MS. MANGIANTE: Mifsud.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. And how soon did that
occur after you first met Mr. Mifsud?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't remember.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. And would you meet with
Mr. Idris in person, or would you communicate by email?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I met in person. It was
every day at London Centre. It was my direct boss.
MR. SWALWELL: No, I am talking about the time when you were working for the EU.

MS. MANGIANTE: Oh, no. No, no, no. When I was working, I -- all this contact, where the -- the very last month, I mean, I started to have a -- like, let's say connection after I left the EU. I mean the first time -- let's say it was around May, June, and then I -- when I left EU on August 2016, then I joined them in London September --

MR. SWALWELL: Yes.

MS. MANGIANTE: -- 2016. So there is no overlap between the two --

MR. SWALWELL: No, my question is --

MS. MANGIANTE: -- experience --

MR. SWALWELL: -- when you were working for the EU.

MS. MANGIANTE: No, they didn't -- yeah --

MR. SWALWELL: Did you have a relationship with Mr. Idris? Like, were you in contact with Mr. Idris when you were working for the EU?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, just to tell him I am going to leave the EU, so Mifsud had made introduction,
I will be happy to join London Centre. And then he was saying, oh, keep contact with the EU, it is very important, your network, and it will be very helpful. I remember he told me that.

MR. SWALWELL: And what did Mr. Idris say that you believed was asking for non-public information, or seeking for you to take actions that would be non-public that could help inform him?

MS. MANGIANTE: I am not sure I can say he was asking me for non-public information. He was simply advising me to keep in touch with my network, just in case. Then it never materialized with any request --

MR. SWALWELL: Just in case what?

MS. MANGIANTE: Just in case, I don't know, we might need access. That is -- I just said it is not really real event. He never asked me to give him confidential information. But I had definitely the perception that he was interested in me keeping those contacts and those -- you know, those relation, in case they need having access to any type of draft legislation or whatever from the inside. But he never
explicitly -- as far as I remember right now, he never asked me directly --

MR. SWALWELL: When you worked for the parliament did you have access to confidential information?

MS. MANGIANTE: Of course.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you have to go through a background check to get that access?

MS. MANGIANTE: What do you mean?

MR. SWALWELL: Like a -- to get a -- to get access to confidential information, did you --

MS. MANGIANTE: I was working for the presidency office, of course. I mean I would be responsible, legally, for the -- any information -- I wasn't in -- I will say I did -- had knowledge of.

MR. SWALWELL: But did you go through a security clearance before --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, there was --

MR. SWALWELL: -- you were given access?

MS. MANGIANTE: What do you -- security clearance? What do you mean?

MR. SWALWELL: Like, was your background,
your personal biography, your CV reviewed?

MS. MANGIANTE: Well, first of all, we don't access European Parliament by chance. We pass a competition. I mean I was lawyer, legal advisor, based on my background, based on the competition. You know, there is a system of recruitment, so I suppose that every function -- European Union has to comply with a certain number of requirements, and based on the background and based on the --

MR. SWALWELL: Sure.

MS. MANGIANTE: -- also the legal commitment you -- everybody has when -- you know, we do sensitive information.

MR. SWALWELL: Did anyone ever ask you for you to relay to them access to classified information or confidential information who wasn't entitled to it? Any time that you worked there, were you asked to provide confidential information?

MS. MANGIANTE: Oh, yeah.

MR. SWALWELL: And who --

MS. MANGIANTE: Refused completely.

MR. SWALWELL: But who were some of the
people?

MS. MANGIANTE: Random people. Random people. I remember, while I was working for the international -- for cases on international child abduction you would have lawyers, private lawyers contacting the office to ask -- the cases addressed to European Parliament to their private office, which is completely illegal.

And this is -- you know, we were -- of course, when you -- I guess it is something -- it is your duty to protect an institution from those kind of unlawful requests.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever sense that people were trying to become friends with you or network with you because they wanted access to this confidential information?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, not confidential information. Probably more to have access to politicians.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. And who were some of the nationalities that you recall doing this?

MS. MANGIANTE: Oh, Italians, many, because I
am Italian, so they feel more confident talking to me. Very randomly, I mean --

MR. SWALWELL: Any non-Italians ever ask you, or others seek confidential information or try and get close to you because of your political network?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't remember.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you provide to our committee the emails and text message correspondence that you have in your possession covering exchanges with Professor Mifsud and Mr. Idris?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay.

MS. MANGIANTE: There are not many, but you will read some fiery -- messages I don't have, but a few emails, one addressed to my private account in which I basically -- the last email he sent to me was trying to meet up with me in London when I resigned, because they never paid me, first of all. They -- I signed a contract with a salary. They never paid me. And they were completely unprofessional. I never understood what was their agenda.

MR. SWALWELL: Are those documents that you
already provided to our committee?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I didn't.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay.

MS. MANGIANTE: Because I recall you asked me for the documents based on -- I mean it was based on which -- I don't consider George a coffee boy, so I selected in this direction.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you --

There were a couple exchanges with Mr. Mifsud in 2016 that you provided.


MR. SWALWELL: So, you are comfortable providing --

MS. MANGIANTE: Maybe they are -- that is all I have, I did --

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. Do you mind taking one more look at the end of this interview, just to see if there is anything else?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: Thank you. And did you ever see Mr. Mifsud interact in Brussels with any other
European Parliament members that were not Mr. Pittella?

MS. MANGIANTE: Personally, not. I always met him with Mr. Pittella. But I know he had a wide political network. That is at least what he said. But he also said to George, that he was introducing to him with his niece, so I don't know the credibility of this person.

MR. SWALWELL: Did Mr. Mifsud ever interact with Russian government individuals while in Brussels?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. In Brussels, it is -- we don't deal with many Russians in Brussels. It is European --

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever seen Mr. Mifsud interact with any Russians in Brussels?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, never. But I -- what I know is -- was often telling me, "I am coming back from Moscow." I don't know what the --

MR. SWALWELL: Mr. Mifsud would say that to you?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes. One of those emails he says, "I am coming back from Moscow." I don't know what he was doing in Moscow, but I never seen him
interacting personally with any Russian.

MR. SWALWELL: And did you interact with any Russians while in Brussels?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes. A friend of my friend was Russian, but random people --

MR. SWALWELL: And by Russians, I mean any Russian government officials, or anyone suspected to work for the Russian government.

MS. MANGIANTE: It is very difficult. You meet so many people, and I don't know if they were working for the Russian government or not. But no, never had close relation with any Russian government official, never.

(Pause.)

MS. MANGIANTE: I remember, though, in Rome, a Belgium friend of mine a few years ago introduced me to somebody Russian. But many years ago, probably in 2015 again.

MR. SWALWELL: Was that in Brussels?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, it was in Rome.

MR. SWALWELL: In Rome?

MS. MANGIANTE: In Rome, yes. I don't really
remember. Maybe it was somebody working for the
government, yes, because they wanted to organize an
event, and they approached me. I remember this -- yes.
There is actually somebody that approached me to have
contacts at European Parliament linked to Russia, but
it has nothing to do, I think, with this
investigation --

MR. SWALWELL: So that happened in 2015 in
Rome?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah, I -- I mean I don't
want to mess up with dates, because I am very bad with
that. I can provide with the specific dates if you
want me to check on.

But some few years ago, let's say, I was
introduced to someone. A Belgian friend of mine
introduced me -- whose wife is Russian and works in
Moscow -- introduced me to someone from the Russian
government, asking me if I could introduce to them
somebody from the European Parliament to organize a
meeting. But I never understood what they wanted, so I
never did anything.

MR. SWALWELL: Where did this meeting take
place with you and the --

MS. MANGIANTE: It was over a drink in Rome, because this is a very old friend of mine, Belgian, married to this -- moved to Moscow and, you know, that is all. But I know -- I am just trying to be as much --

MR. SWALWELL: Sure.

MS. MANGIANTE: -- as accurate as I can.

MR. SWALWELL: No, it is very helpful to us, thanks.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, it is -- but there is, of course, no real events, I think, for the investigation.

MR. SWALWELL: And the person who you thought might work for the Russian government, was that a male or a female?

MS. MANGIANTE: Male.

MR. SWALWELL: Male?

MS. MANGIANTE: Mm-hmm.

MR. SWALWELL: And do you remember the name of the individual?

MS. MANGIANTE: I can't -- I don't really --
something -- oh, my God, no.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you exchange any contact information --

MS. MANGIANTE: No. To the -- my friend, yes. I think my friend -- I don't know. But it is so many, and we never follow up. I mean I didn't organize anything. I didn't put forward -- I mean my job was not as a politician, I was a political advisor. So I was not in the position to do anything. But people approach you for any type of reason.

MR. SWALWELL: So why didn't you organize the meeting?

MS. MANGIANTE: I was not interested. Why would I be interested? I was doing my job, I was following instruction of my boss. I was not taking initiative --

MR. SWALWELL: Did your friend ever follow up with you and see whether progress has been made on you organizing this event?

MS. MANGIANTE: Once, probably twice, and then that is all.

MR. SWALWELL: Do you mind seeing if you
could ask that friend for the name of the Russian --

MS. MANGIANTE: I am not in contact with him any more from -- I don't even have his number any more.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. Okay, and --

MS. MANGIANTE: But it is really long time ago.

MR. SWALWELL: Sure.

MS. MANGIANTE: I mean I think I am talking probably about 2014, 2015. I mean I don't think it is -- I mean you are asking me about --

MR. SWALWELL: Yes.

MS. MANGIANTE: -- Russian officials, so I am just trying to be accurate.

MR. SWALWELL: No, that is very helpful for us. And anything else that comes to mind like that situation, where someone is trying to introduce you to someone that may work for the Russian government?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't have -- I mean, as I said, I know a few people who are Russia's friends, and, you know, this person I am not sure was working for the Russian government, but introduce -- this is the only occasion which I remember, I can recollect,
and that is someone from the Russian government, which is many years ago, I think. Trump wasn't even in.

MR. SWALWELL: When you worked at the Centre how many employees were there, do you think?

MS. MANGIANTE: Where? In the London Centre?

MR. SWALWELL: At the Centre in London.

MS. MANGIANTE: Oh, my God, this is -- I never understood the structure of this London Centre. It was basically a room like that, with a table like that, people coming with their laptop and sitting casually. They would change -- they were mostly young professional -- young students. Most of the people was from -- that I met there from Iraq, Middle East, Sudan. I didn't meet any Russian.

MR. SWALWELL: At the Centre you never met a Russian?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: Were there any Russian nationals working at the Centre?

MS. MANGIANTE: Probably, but I never met them, I don't know. I had been there very shortly.

MR. SWALWELL: Were you familiar with any
travels that Professor Mifsud was taking to Russia while you were working at the center?

MS. MANGIANTE: Not -- apart from his email, which he told me, "I am coming back from Moscow," another -- I don't know anything about this trip.

MR. SWALWELL: While you were working at the Centre with Professor Mifsud, did he ever talk about meetings he was taking or contacts he had in Russia?

MS. MANGIANTE: No. I mean he would say, "I am flying to" -- Mifsud was talking about many things and nothing. To me, he was always talking about his connection to the Italian government. Mifsud seems to be very connected to the Italian government.

MR. SWALWELL: To the Italian government?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: How is the Centre financed, do you have any idea who paid for the Centre?

MS. MANGIANTE: I have no idea.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever have access to, like, the accounting?

MS. MANGIANTE: I been there for three months and I left because they didn't pay me. So my --
MR. SWALWELL: So since you left --

MS. MANGIANTE: -- my experience is really limited.

MR. SWALWELL: Did Professor Mifsud ever discuss the London Academy of Diplomacy?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, he also -- I went there. He invited me to visit, so I went there.

MR. SWALWELL: What was the purpose of that academy?

MS. MANGIANTE: I suppose to teach, to train diplomats. That is my guess, but again, to me, that is my opinion, of course. This looks like a facade for something else.

Even the London Centre doesn't look like -- I mean really, completely unprofessional, not organized. It was very strange. They put me in touch with a number of people from -- I mean I talked -- my expertise was European Union, and then they put me in touch with a number of people from the Middle East, trying to raise money from the Middle East, and that is -- and then they would say, "Okay, if you raise money to finance this project, and you will earn on this
And I said, "Sorry, I signed a contract for a salary, and I don't understand why we are changing the condition of work, or the terms on my cooperation in this -- with the London Centre." So I was very confused by the -- I didn't understand their agenda.

But they were organizing events, inviting people, mostly political connection. As I said, in -- from the Mifsud side with Italian government. I think there are quite enough evidence that Mifsud is very well connected to Western intelligence right now.

I don't know what he was doing in Russia, but -- so definitely his connection to the Campus, his connection to the Italian government, and to Scotti, which was, at the time, a foreign minister of Italy makes me think he had definitely very deep ties. I mean --

MR. SWALWELL: What was your title?

MS. MANGIANTE: And he is also the -- member of the Clinton Foundation.

MR. SWALWELL: Who was?

MS. MANGIANTE: Mifsud is a member of the
Clinton Foundation.

MR. SWALWELL: How did you know that?

MS. MANGIANTE: He told me.

MR. SWALWELL: What did he tell you about the foundation?

MS. MANGIANTE: He told it also in a public interview, not -- he was always talking about him being important, because it is the way -- you know, he is always playing, like, a big role, and "I am a member of the Clinton Foundation."

And I think in the public interview, when they -- The Republic, which is an Italian journal, the last one released -- I can try to find this article for you on -- I will just note it -- it says, "Why would I introduce Papadopoulos to Russian agent? I am a part of the Clinton Foundation."

MR. SWALWELL: All right. But do you recall him ever talking about the Clinton Foundation to you?

MS. MANGIANTE: Not -- yeah, to many -- yeah, it was a -- yes. To me and to other people, yes. I remember once he was talking about it. I remember once he was talking about it.
MR. SWALWELL: What was your job title when you started working there?

MS. MANGIANTE: Director for international diplomatic relation.

MR. SWALWELL: And what was your salary arrangement? Was it a hourly salary, or is it an annual salary? How was it --

MS. MANGIANTE: Monthly.

MR. SWALWELL: Monthly? And what was the salary?

MS. MANGIANTE: Well, it was -- the arrangement was based of 2,500 pounds, which was much less than I used to earn --

MR. SWALWELL: A month?

MS. MANGIANTE: -- at the European Parliament, but I -- you know, and then adding, like, benefits over, you know, achievement --

MR. SWALWELL: Yes.

MS. MANGIANTE: Like, first of all, when I joined the London Centre, I talked -- I was going to work with the law cases, because it is, of course, qualified as London Centre international law practice.
I never see anyone practicing law over there. So this was my first question mark. What is this about?

Because I am a lawyer, I was expecting to be in the political field work, again, with law practice that could have, of course, a European focus, European law focus --

MR. SWALWELL: So let me just back up. So it was 2,500 a month, pounds.

MS. MANGIANTE: Mm-hmm.

MR. SWALWELL: It was -- and that was a decrease from what you were making for the EU?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: And you left that job --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I didn't left it, it ended. My contract, I was a temporary agent.

MR. SWALWELL: Your contract --

MS. MANGIANTE: So I did not -- I didn't have much choice.

MR. SWALWELL: Could you have extended, if you had wanted?

MS. MANGIANTE: I should have -- no, I really went -- no. I was very disappointed because I was
evicted by my position, by the vice president at the
time, and I did a claim against European Parliament and
-- still into now.

MR. SWALWELL: And it was less than what you
were making at the EU, but was it significantly less?
Like was it 50 percent less, or -- just trying to
understand the difference --

MS. MANGIANTE: It was the half.

MR. SWALWELL: I am sorry?

MS. MANGIANTE: Half.

MR. SWALWELL: Half? Half of what you are
making? And you were -- you said it was a total of
three months without being paid before you said --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: -- enough.

MS. MANGIANTE: It was crazy. So I started
to practice law by myself.

MR. SWALWELL: And you wrote an email to Mr.
Idris and Martin Wilson and Mr. Pittella and Mr. Mifsud
that you wanted to be paid, and you asked about being
paid. You said -- and he wrote back, "Dear Simona, I
hope you are fine. I was in Moscow. Now I am in
London. Can we meet in person? I am here until Tuesday night. A hug. J."

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever write back to that email?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: Why not?

MS. MANGIANTE: At the time I had enough of them.

MR. SWALWELL: I am sorry?

MS. MANGIANTE: I had -- as far as I remember, either I replied something like I can't make it, either I didn't reply. I don't remember. I can check in my mail, see if there is any answer to Mifsud. But that -- I never met with him. I was very upset. I thought they were charlatans. I was very upset also about some people, shady people, introduced to me. They were not serious at all. They --

MR. SWALWELL: Who were not?

MS. MANGIANTE: Introduced me -- to me. I remember Nagi Idris -- my job task was to deal with this person from Iraq, who invited me to secret
symposium in Beirut, and they refused to disclose the agenda, the -- and then the -- and even the -- you know, the attendants, who are -- I mean it was really unprofessional and I felt very much insulted, because I think I didn't need it.

MR. SWALWELL: Was that the last time you heard from Mifsud?

MS. MANGIANTE: This is the last email, yes.

MR. SWALWELL: That email was the last time --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, yes.

MR. SWALWELL: Did he ever follow up with a phone call?

MS. MANGIANTE: Never.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever run into him --

MS. MANGIANTE: Never.

MR. SWALWELL: -- anywhere?

MS. MANGIANTE: Never.

MR. SWALWELL: What drew you to want to work for Professor Mifsud? Was -- were you impressed by his work, was he just someone who was dynamic in personality? What was --
MS. MANGIANTE: To be totally honest with you, I was -- for personal reasons at the time I wanted to live in London. And it was the biggest offer. And then I said I still have to be there, and then I will figure out what to do.

MR. SWALWELL: Why did you want to be in London?

MS. MANGIANTE: At the time my boyfriend there.

MR. SWALWELL: And that is not Mr. Papadopoulos?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: Is that someone -- was that person an Italian national?

MS. MANGIANTE: No. I don't want to answer these --

MR. SWALWELL: What nationality was this person?

MS. MANGIANTE: French.


Are you aware of Mr. Mifsud's activities since your last exchange? Do you know if he has been
in touch with anyone that you know?

MS. MANGIANTE: If Mifsud has been in touch with anybody --

MR. SWALWELL: Since your October 13, 2016 email.

MS. MANGIANTE: He might have been in touch with Pittella.

MR. SWALWELL: Did Pittella tell you this?

MS. MANGIANTE: I asked Pittella many times, "Who is Mifsud?" And he said, "I have no idea."

And he said, "You should care who is Papadopoulos," like why you keep asking me about Mifsud.

MR. SWALWELL: So you don't have any firsthand knowledge of where Mr. Mifsud is today?

MS. MANGIANTE: No. I tried to -- actually, I tried to ask contacts around, but apparently -- in this Stephen Roh book it says -- but I don't know how much credible is it, I don't know if you had a copy of this book -- he says he is in Italy, hidden in Italy somewhere. I don't know.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you discuss with George
your decision in late October 2016 to stop working for Professor Mifsud?

MS. MANGIANTE: At that time, no. Me and George were never -- we didn't meet each other. The first time we start to communicate was probably in September 2016. George reached out to me --

MR. SWALWELL: On LinkedIn?

MS. MANGIANTE: -- on LinkedIn, based on saying, oh, you are working there, as well. I had no conversation with him at all. I mean mostly I would not have the confidence to talk about my professional problems.

MR. SWALWELL: Yes.

MS. MANGIANTE: I met George for the first time in April 2017 in New York.

MR. SWALWELL: When he reached out to you on LinkedIn, where did the conversation move? Did it move to email, or text message?


MR. SWALWELL: WhatsApp?

MS. MANGIANTE: Mm-hmm.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever communicate in
any other way, besides WhatsApp?

MR. SWALWELL: Skype?

MS. MANGIANTE: Mm-hmm.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. Any other --

MS. MANGIANTE: Skype, LinkedIn, WhatsApp, Facebook --

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever use --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, no, it was much later on.

MR. SWALWELL: How about Gmail?

MS. MANGIANTE: With George?

MR. SWALWELL: Yes.

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: How about Facebook Messenger?

MS. MANGIANTE: We -- I connected with George on Facebook only later on, when I met with him, not before.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. How about Telegram?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: Have you ever used Telegram?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think I did, but not with George, no.
MR. SWALWELL: When did you start using Telegram?

MS. MANGIANTE: I probably used it shortly -- I don't remember, really. I used -- it is an application like WhatsApp, right?

MR. SWALWELL: Yes.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah, they disappear, the messages, after -- that is the application you are talking about?

MR. SWALWELL: Yes.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah, probably used it for -- and then I deleted it, because I like to keep my messages.

MR. SCHIFF: If I could just follow up with a few questions on this part of the chronology, and then maybe we will turn to Mr. Quigley.

When you were working at the Centre, apart from Mr. Idris and Mr. Mifsud, who else can you recall was working there? What other staff did they have?

MS. MANGIANTE: A British national, I think, Peter something.

MR. SCHIFF: You said Mr. Idris was your
immediate boss.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SCHIFF: And was Professor Mifsud his boss?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, they were both director.

MR. SCHIFF: They were both co-directors.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, co-directors, yeah.

MR. SCHIFF: And about how many staff did the Centre have?

MS. MANGIANTE: I -- that is a question that -- I mean I -- I don't even know if I could be considered a staff member, because they were random people. I would not meet the same person for the -- in the same week. People would randomly come in, open their laptop. Idris would tell me, "You don't even need to come here, you can work home." It was really -- no structure whatever.

If I can give any -- an image what is going on, it was Nagi at a little desk with a computer, the British director on the other side, and then people coming randomly, you know, just sitting at the table, open their laptop. Everybody not coordinating with
each other, organizing -- I remember the only -- that
was a conference organized once, and it is the only
thing attended --

MR. SCHIFF: So in terms of supervisory
personnel, apart from Mifsud and Idris, the only other
person was this British --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SCHIFF: -- person.

MS. MANGIANTE: That I met personally.

MR. SCHIFF: Named Peter. And you don't
recall --

MS. MANGIANTE: Peter.

MR. SCHIFF: -- his last name?

MS. MANGIANTE: I can check on -- I really
don't remember.

MR. SCHIFF: And were you ever paid by the
Centre, or --

MS. MANGIANTE: Nobody paid me, never.

MR. SCHIFF: And I take it from --

MS. MANGIANTE: I didn't --

MR. SCHIFF: -- listening to your
description, the Centre -- it came across to you as
some kind of a front for something else.

MS. MANGIANTE: Completely.

MR. SCHIFF: It was not what was advertised?

MS. MANGIANTE: It was advertised as a London -- a serious -- but if you go on the website, they would talk about a serious project and human rights. But then it is completely facade, facade.

MR. SCHIFF: And do you have any idea where Mifsud got his money?

MS. MANGIANTE: No idea.

MR. SCHIFF: Or --

MS. MANGIANTE: But definitely -- what I know is that he failed to appear to court in Palermo, probably last week. And he was -- because he didn't -- inflated -- for money reason, apparently inflated -- he wanted more money for his contribution to a university in Palermo, in Sicily. But -- and he didn't appear. They said it is a ghost. So he is having legal issues. I don't know where is money coming from.

I remember Nagi Idris would tell me that they were bankrupt when I was --

MR. SCHIFF: That they were bankrupt?
MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, when I was asking for my salary. He said, "You have to look at long picture. We are all bankrupt. Mifsud is bankrupt. So you have to look at the big picture."

The only task I used to work with Mifsud was to organize a meeting with the ambassador from Abu Dhabi in London. So my -- I mean my focus was completely -- the focus they wanted from me was Middle East, which made no sense. I have no experience myself in the Middle East at all.

MR. SCHIFF: Didn't Mifsud, Professor Mifsud, did he make use of your Italian or European contacts? Did he ask you to put him in touch with people?

MS. MANGIANTE: Oh, yes, yes. He wanted me to be in touch with the Ministry of Education in Italy, trying to -- even people that I didn't know.

And then I was invited myself to a conference in Rome organized by an association with the minister of justice for children, because I used to work in this field, so I was well known, and they kept inviting me. And Naji Idris came with me, and he was acting very weird, like trying to take -- like trying to take big
connections, you know. He was acting very weird, very weird.

MR. SCHIFF: And knowing what you do now about the sort of sketchy nature of the Centre and the questionable background of Professor Mifsud, is there anything in retrospect that you look back on now that would indicate to you that Mr. Mifsud was acting as an agent of a foreign power?

MS. MANGIANTE: That is an interesting question. Actually, I think yes. I think he was fitting the profile of a foreign agent in the extent in which he was constantly capable to answer a question without answering a question. You would never know where he was, and you were supposed to work with him.

It was targeting people to have access -- specific environment. I felt myself was targeted in a certain way, too, for my contacts in Italy. He wanted me -- I mean it was never work. Like -- so London Centre was never work.

But the way he lived was very -- today I can see he is not an academic. I mean he pretends to be, could be a facade. I am not sure his income can come
from this bankrupt organization.

He used to train intelligence officer. He had the very ties -- very deep ties with the Link Campus, which is well-known for its -- for being the center of Italian intelligence, in many ways. I don't know, though, if these information are true. I am just trying to be accurate and -- but I think -- I suspect they are. I mean I cannot have the 100 percent sure what I am saying. I don't want to be sued or that, but I definitely can see somebody who is -- you don't know where he was living, if he was living in a room, if he was living in London.

It is very difficult to profile, to -- this extent, yes. Today I think -- and the fact that he disappeared completely ex post makes me think that definitely could be foreign agent.

MR. SCHIFF: Did anyone maintain a calendar of Mifsud's meetings or calls at the Centre, that you know of?

MS. MANGIANTE: They would not give access to me.

MR. SCHIFF: Did he have an executive
assistant, though, that would --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes. I think he changed the
-- I met him with different girls all the time. So
everyone was an assistant. I don't know.

MR. SCHIFF: Do you remember the names of any
of his assistants?

MS. MANGIANTE: No. Maybe one is in the
email.

MR. SCHIFF: In the statement of the offense
that your husband attested to, there is a reference to
a female Russian national. Did you ever see Mifsud
with her?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, no.

MR. SCHIFF: And do you know who that Russian
national is?

MS. MANGIANTE: Absolutely not. I -- there
is another thing about Mifsud. He would talk a lot.
He would inflate people's title.

I will not be -- I don't know why he came up
with Putin's niece, if he wanted to impress George or
if he wanted to impress the girl. I don't know. But I
am not sure why he was inflating this. I mean it was
giving -- he was introducing this person as niece of Putin. She was a student, apparently. I never met her. I think I never did. And he talks a lot.

MR. SCHIFF: What did Mifsud ever tell you about the London Academy of Diplomacy?

MS. MANGIANTE: That he was running -- that it was incredible --

MR. SCHIFF: Did you ever go there?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SCHIFF: And what was that academy? What kind of a physical structure did it have?

MS. MANGIANTE: It was a beautiful structure, quite a credible -- compared to the London Centre -- London Centre also very nice location, where all the law offices are located in London, Chancery Lane. So when I went there for the first time I also thought it was kind of incredible.

London Academy was definitely a big building with different rooms for students, with a room with a café, and then Mifsud office upstairs --

MR. SCHIFF: And was he a professor there, or was he an owner there, or -- what was his role there?
MS. MANGIANTE: I don't understand -- I think he was -- I don't know. I think it was talking about this London Academy as his own body, but I don't know if he was lying or if it was, again, inflating himself.

MR. SCHIFF: And this academy ostensibly taught people how to be diplomats?

MS. MANGIANTE: Technically, yeah.

MR. SCHIFF: And then the Link facility that he was also associated with ostensibly taught people how to be intelligence or law enforcement officers?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, among others, among diplomats, but also intelligence officers.

MR. SCHIFF: And were there any other institutions that he was affiliated with that you knew of?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, Stirling's University in Scotland, and a university in Palermo, too. I don't know. So many -- it was running around different universities as professor. But actually, I never heard him giving academic speech; simply seen him connecting.

MR. SCHIFF: You mentioned --

MR. SWALWELL: May I just ask a question?
MRS. SCHIFF: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: On Link University, were you aware of its affiliations with Russian universities?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, this is the result of my little research after all this kind of came out.

MR. SWALWELL: But did you ever --

MS. MANGIANTE: I wanted more information about the --

MR. SWALWELL: -- hear anything about Lomanosov Moscow State University? Was that ever discussed?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: How about --

MS. MANGIANTE: I mean I never been to the Link Campus.

MR. SWALWELL: No, I am just talking about did Professor Mifsud ever talk about the affiliation that Link had with seven different Russian universities?

MS. MANGIANTE: Not with -- he has association with Russian.

MR. SWALWELL: No, but the -- that there was
an official link -- that there was an official connection between Link and seven Russian universities. Were you aware of that?

MS. MANGIANTE: I didn't know that.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay, thanks.

MR. SCHIFF: You mentioned Stephen Roh as, I guess, one of the principals behind the Link Center, and someone close to Mifsud.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah. I never met with him. I remember Mifsud, one of our last meetings, he asked me to contact him to organize an event in London. Then I quit.

And I -- then later on I -- during my research, asking around to different people in touch with Mifsud, I realize that he is a close partner, employer. I don't know, I think Mifsud is employer, technically one of the -- his consultants, and is married to this Russian princess, who is financing some of the activities.

MR. SCHIFF: There has been some public reporting that in April of 2016 Mifsud and Roh spoke on a panel together at a Kremlin-backed club, the Valdai
MS. MANGIANTE: Ah, yes.

MR. SCHIFF: Did he ever discuss that with you?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, never.

MR. SCHIFF: Were you aware that they -- that he had participated in that event?

MS. MANGIANTE: On Internet, you know, when I Googled him. But in 2016, no. I was working for the European Parliament still. So my experience with Mifsud is very limited from September 2016 until November 2016. That is the time of the -- working for the London Centre.

MR. SCHIFF: Okay. Mr. Quigley, who may or may not be your Member of Congress, and if you need --

MR. QUIGLEY: Same --

MS. MANGIANTE: Just like write a message to --

MR. SCHIFF: Sure, sure.

MS. MANGIANTE: For lunch, just -- I think -- I don't know, I think it is going -- I mean no rush, just to --
MR. SCHIFF: No, no, please. I need to use
the restroom, myself.

(A brief recess was taken.)

MR. QUIGLEY: I am Mike Quigley. Thank you
for being here.

To sum a few things up in a question, should
we trust or believe anything that the professor says or
has said? I mean is your skepticism about him that
strong, that you would doubt or question whatever he
says publicly?

MS. MANGIANTE: Not that strong. I mean I
can't be 100 percent sure he is lying about everything
he says. I am just saying his personality --

MR. QUIGLEY: I think you used the words
sneaky, weird --

MS. MANGIANTE: Completely.

MR. QUIGLEY: -- fake, artificial.

MS. MANGIANTE: Completely, yes. That is
what his --

MR. QUIGLEY: That is hardly compelling to
trust.

MS. MANGIANTE: No, no, of course. But I
always save the benefit of the doubts, even to liar sometimes.

MR. QUIGLEY: Well, I mean, you lasted three months without getting paid. What gave you that trust that at some point they were going to pay you, right?

MS. MANGIANTE: It was unbelievable to me they were going to be not serious at this point -- I mean at that point. It was --

MR. QUIGLEY: To your knowledge, was anyone else not paid at the Centre?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, but I remember -- I mean I don't remember the name, but I was talking with this guy from Iraq, and I was telling him are you paid here, he said, "No, they didn't pay me yet, but they told me they are going to." So I remember it was quite -- I mean at least when I confronted somebody else working there, and they shared my same experience.

MR. QUIGLEY: And I just -- why don't you give it one more stab at this? You called it a facade, a front.

MS. MANGIANTE: That is my perception, yes.

MR. QUIGLEY: Yes. You were there for three
months, you got to know these folks and at least see some of the operations. Give us your best guess. What was really going on?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think three months were -- time, long enough to develop my perception that they were everything but serious. They were not academics, they were not lawyers. Nagi Idris was introducing himself as international lawyer, and I never see him working with a law case.

Professor Mifsud was introducing himself as an academic. I never see him giving a speech or deep in an academic topic.

I have seen a very disorganized context, where there were randomly organized meetings, introducing me to other shady people -- I remember -- so --

MR. QUIGLEY: What were they really doing?

MS. MANGIANTE: I can give you my guess.

MR. QUIGLEY: That is what I am asking for.

MS. MANGIANTE: Coordinating people, infiltrating other contacts for financing projects, trying to take money from governments. That is my
perception.

I think that definitely this could be very comfortable facade for spies, because the profile of the people you would meet through them was still quite high.

MR. QUIGLEY: You couple this -- Mr. Swalwell has a quick interjection here -- you couple this with his, as you mentioned, coming back from Moscow, they are coordinating something for or with the Russians?

MS. MANGIANTE: I can't say that, because it is not enough of an information. He was coming back from Moscow --

MR. QUIGLEY: Coordinating for someone, but they are going back and forth from Moscow. But --

MS. MANGIANTE: But it was going --

MR. SWALWELL: Were you ever directed by the Centre --

MR. QUIGLEY: I am sorry.

MR. SWALWELL: -- to represent yourself as somebody that you were not? Did they ever tell you --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah. To me, I was definitely not a director of international diplomatic
relation. How could I ever -- I mean I just joined the Centre, I was --

MR. SWALWELL: No, I am sorry, I should have been clear. Did the Centre -- did Mr. Mifsud or anyone at the Centre ever ask you to present yourself to somebody else not using your true name, but by --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, never. No, never.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever see them ask someone else to do that?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I never seen that.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever --

MS. MANGIANTE: But definitely, when I told them why should I introduce myself -- this is interesting -- why should I introduce myself as director of international diplomatic corporation if I didn't -- they said, "You have to say things to earn people's trust and to have access to people. It doesn't matter if it is true or not." That is what they said to me.

MR. SWALWELL: Did they ever ask you to lie for the Centre?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, of course. I mean this
is a lie. I was not a -- I mean Nagi Idris asked me to basically lie about my contribution to the London Centre. I mean he didn't ask me to use a different identity, but definitely to present myself with skills I don't have. It is a lie.

MR. SWALWELL: And did you do that?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever lie for the Centre?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. QUIGLEY: Let me just tell you why I asked the question, because you mentioned the professor talking about going back from Moscow. But also in your quote -- if this is accurate -- in the January 18th interview with The Guardian, "I never met any Russians there." Why would you mention Russians? Why not "I never met any Poles there," or French there? Why was it --

MS. MANGIANTE: Because everybody is asking me if I met Russians.

MR. QUIGLEY: Okay. All right. So three months you lasted.
MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah.

MR. QUIGLEY: And so you left exactly when?

MS. MANGIANTE: November 2016.

MR. QUIGLEY: November --

MS. MANGIANTE: I think end of November 2016.

MR. QUIGLEY: Okay.

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't remember the -- which is the date on my email, October or November.

MR. QUIGLEY: Okay. Now --

MS. MANGIANTE: I can check on the email.

Sorry, I don't want to give you --

MR. QUIGLEY: That is fine.

MS. MANGIANTE: I am very bad with numbers.

MR. QUIGLEY: So you were there three months and you finally said "I need to get paid" and that's --

MS. MANGIANTE: No --

MR. QUIGLEY: -- primarily why you quit?

MS. MANGIANTE: Payment was part of the -- of course, it is a problem, because you have to make a living. But it is -- it was not the only problem. I found them completely not transparent.

I could have invested, in terms of
professional experience, even a month more, if I found it interesting at some point through, I don't know, a project. But I really found them unprofessional --

MR. QUIGLEY: So if the work --

MS. MANGIANTE: Unprofessional, and not transparent. I never understood what they wanted from me.

MR. QUIGLEY: So if the work had been worthwhile and valuable, you would have probably stuck it out a little bit longer.

MS. MANGIANTE: Exactly, yeah.

MR. QUIGLEY: I mean how were you able to support yourself?

MS. MANGIANTE: Well, I -- when I left European Parliament, first of all, I had a big allowance from European Parliament. Also my saving, my savings.

MR. QUIGLEY: All right. There have been reports that your husband briefly worked at the Centre.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. QUIGLEY: Were you aware of that? Is that accurate?
MS. MANGIANTE: It is true, yes, he did.
MR. QUIGLEY: Do you know when he worked there, when he started, or when --
MS. MANGIANTE: I don't remember, but I know much before I did. So we never crossed each other at the London --
MR. QUIGLEY: He worked before -- he worked at the Centre before you did?
MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, yes.
MR. QUIGLEY: Did he tell you when he started, or do you know, personally, when he started, and how long --
MS. MANGIANTE: To be honest with you, he probably told me, but I don't remember. He has been there also for a couple of months, probably two, three months. He had also as direct boss Nagi Idris, the same person.
MR. QUIGLEY: His boss would have been --
MS. MANGIANTE: Nagi Idris, too. Nagi Idris was his boss, George's boss, too.
MR. QUIGLEY: Okay. And do you have any idea of roughly how long before you worked there?
MS. MANGIANTE: I think it was shortly before he joined the Trump campaign, I don't know. Or -- I don't -- I mean, honestly, I don't know. But I know he met with Mifsud in Rome some time -- it was in March of 2016, right? So he might have worked with them at the time. He went on a trip with Naji to Rome, where he met Mifsud, where Mifsud approached him. So it might be around -- but I -- don't take it for -- I mean I can check, but it must be -- I think he was working there around March 2017, but I am very bad with the dates, I can --

MR. QUIGLEY: 2017 or 2016?

MS. MANGIANTE: Sixteen, sorry, sixteen.

MR. QUIGLEY: So you think he worked there before he got involved with the Trump campaign?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think he did, yeah. I think before, right? It makes no sense after, because it would be now.

MR. QUIGLEY: I have learned to -- anything is possible. I appreciate that.

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I am trying to think in my memory, trying to -- I don't know -- I can't tell
you the dates, exactly.

MR. QUIGLEY: Did he talk to you about working there? Did he have similar experiences?

MS. MANGIANTE: Our first conversation, honestly, was, "Do you understand this Mifsud? What does he do?" I remember George asking me that.

MR. QUIGLEY: What did he ask? I am sorry.

MS. MANGIANTE: "What do you know about Mifsud? Who is this person?" That is his first question, one of his first --

MR. QUIGLEY: Was this your communication with him in person, or by --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, it was in person, when we met months later.

MR. QUIGLEY: Okay, so he was --

MS. MANGIANTE: At the beginning we didn't talk about Mifsud.

MR. QUIGLEY: So he asked you about Mifsud. Do you think -- did you understand that is when he was thinking about working for the Centre, or while he was working at the Centre?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, it -- we were having this
-- no, this was later, when we met. So the first time was -- so after the Trump -- everything, you know, much --

MR. QUIGLEY: Oh, so you --

MS. MANGIANTE: When we met in New York for the first time, we are laughing because we both had difficulty to profile Mifsud. Because, of course, it was the only things we had in common at the time.

MR. QUIGLEY: Was the --

MS. MANGIANTE: Mifsud and London Centre.

MR. QUIGLEY: The experience of working at the Centre?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, exactly.

MR. QUIGLEY: What did he say to you after the fact about what it was like working there, and his -- did he say much at all about what it was like working there, as you were commiserating about it?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't remember the conversation, I just remember we were literally laughing about Mifsud. It is not nice to say, but it is what happened.

MR. QUIGLEY: Okay. And he had a different
boss, but he was working with the professor at that point?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, it was not working for Mifsud, it was work -- I think George's boss was the -- my same boss, Naji Idris.

MR. QUIGLEY: But Mifsud is around there.

MS. MANGIANTE: Mifsud, at the time, was not, I think, yet director of the London -- of the international law practice, London Centre. I think Mifsud approached George in Rome during a trip that George did to the Link Campus with Naji Idris.

MR. QUIGLEY: Okay. Did George mention working at all at that time, any connection with the professor?

MS. MANGIANTE: The only -- no. The only things that George told me is that while he was working in London Centre he went to Rome with Naji Idris. He was approached by Mifsud, who started to sell himself as somebody big, introduced to him this girl, saying that she was Putin's niece. And he said it was randomly talking about emails. They started to gossip about emails on Hillary Clinton, but really randomly.
That was -- that is something that I can see Mifsud doing, because he talks a lot.

MR. QUIGLEY: Was he paid?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think -- I asked him. I think probably -- I don't know if it is -- he told me he has been paid probably one month, and then he was not paid any more, I don't know. They never paid me. At least George probably was paid, though.

MR. QUIGLEY: And again, I am sorry, how long did George work there?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. I mean I can't give you the details about his -- I think not much, either. I don't remember.

MR. QUIGLEY: Did he talk about any of the work he did there the period of time he worked, or what kind of work he did?

MS. MANGIANTE: Honestly, the only thing we discussed was Mifsud. That is the only things we discussed. I don't know, really.

MR. QUIGLEY: Okay.

Do you have any follow-up on this?
MR. QUIGLEY: I just want to make sure, before I do, if you have any follow-up on this section.

MR. SCHIFF: Just to make sure that I understand the chronology, your understanding is that your husband initially was working for the Centre for Idris, he did not know Mifsud when he went to work for the Centre?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah.

MR. SCHIFF: At some point, while he was working for the Centre, he is asked to go to this Link Campus.

MS. MANGIANTE: On a trip with Naji.

MR. SCHIFF: On a trip with Mr. Idris. And the Link Campus, that is a campus of the University of Malta in Italy. Is that what that is?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I think it is an international campus. I don't know if it is from University -- I think it is -- has partnership with the London Centre, with another number -- I don't know Malta. I don't know. Probably even Malta.

MR. SCHIFF: And so he goes with Idris, your
husband goes with Idris to the Link Campus.

MS. MANGIANTE: Mm-hmm.

MR. SCHIFF: And there he meets Mifsud.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes. That is my recollection.

MR. SCHIFF: And I think it states -- and I think this is in the state of the offense -- that Mifsud showed a particular interest in your husband when he learned that he was working on the Trump campaign.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah.

MR. SCHIFF: Would that indicate, then, that your husband's work for the Centre was concurrent with his work on the campaign?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. I don't know which -- my husband worked in the Centre -- I think, as a person interested in building political networks, he targeted George because he was going to join the Trump campaign and could be a new access to some other political environment.

MR. SCHIFF: But just in terms of timing, does this indicate to you, if Mifsud showed an interest
in your husband when he learned your husband was
working with the Trump campaign, that your husband was,
in fact, working with the Trump campaign at the same
time he was also working for the Centre?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, no, no. It wasn't.

Definitely wasn't. I think it was on trip to Rome with
Naji Idris. It wasn't work for the two at the same
time.

MR. SCHIFF: Well, what I am saying is he
went to Rome on a trip with Idris while he was --

MS. MANGIANTE: This was -- no, it was
actually -- that is also the interesting -- he didn't
join officially the Trump campaign during this meeting.
He was going to join the Trump campaign. He was going
to be appointed officially as a foreign policy advisor
to the Trump campaign only a few days later this
meeting. And when he went there, they were discussing
him to join the Trump campaign.

That is why is lie to the FBI when they ask
him when did you meet Mifsud, during or after the
campaign. And, actually, he said before -- is because
he was not officially appointed yet. So it confused.
But even though there were already discussion about --
at the time about him joining the campaign. So he knew
he was going to join the campaign, but he was -- you
know, this happened officially only days later.

MR. SCHIFF: I see. So just in terms of
chronology, then, he goes to Rome with Idris, meets
Mifsud. And at the time he meets Mifsud, he knows that
he is going to be the foreign policy advisor for the
Trump campaign, but has not started yet?

MS. MANGIANTE: Well, I can't answer those
questions, really, because it is -- I don't -- I didn't
even know George at the time. So I would not like to
give you misleading information. I just -- my
understanding is that I don't even know if the timing
was -- he went to Rome, he was working still for London
Centre, or went on a trip, like can happen anyway.

MR. SCHIFF: Okay.

MR. SWALWELL: I have just a couple more
questions about London Centre.

Did -- when you were working at -- when you
were working at the EU, were you familiar with any work
that Mr. Mifsud was doing with the leave campaign and
Brexit? Was he affiliated with that at all?

MS. MANGIANTE: Oh, no, but he would talk a lot about it. He asked me to research about Brexit.

MR. SWALWELL: What was Mr. Mifsud's position on Brexit?

MS. MANGIANTE: He was asking me to arrange meetings with people working for the Brexit at European Commission.

MR. SWALWELL: What was his -- was he for leaving, or was he in favor of remaining?

MS. MANGIANTE: In favor of remaining.

MR. SWALWELL: Mr. Mifsud wanted to remain?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay.

MS. MANGIANTE: To him was a disaster, I remember.

MR. SWALWELL: Did Mr. Mifsud ever talk about any relationship that he had with Boris Johnson?

MS. MANGIANTE: Not to me.

MR. SWALWELL: Were you aware of any relationship he had with Boris Johnson?

MS. MANGIANTE: I just -- no, I didn't -- I
was not aware at the time.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. Are you aware now?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, because I have seen some articles in the press, portraying him with Boris Johnson.

MR. SWALWELL: How about Nigel Farage? Did Mr. Mifsud have any relationship with Nigel Farage?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know.

MR. SWALWELL: Who is Olga Polonskya?

MS. MANGIANTE: I learned -- I think you are referring to this person -- Putin's niece. I learned from George and from the press her real name.

MR. SWALWELL: Before you learned that name from George, did --

MS. MANGIANTE: I never --

MR. SWALWELL: -- Mr. Mifsud ever talk about her?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, never.

MR. SWALWELL: No?

MS. MANGIANTE: Never to me.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. One moment.
MR. SWALWELL: One moment, if that is all right. We will go off the record.

(A brief recess was taken.)

MR. QUIGLEY: Let's make sure I have -- we talked about it, but I was trying to get this -- the initial meeting between your husband and Mifsud, the professor, is March 2016?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think so.

MR. QUIGLEY: Okay.

MS. MANGIANTE: But I am not sure.

MR. QUIGLEY: Okay. And you were -- did -- were you made aware of the circumstances for that? Social, business, just casual interaction the first time they met?

MS. MANGIANTE: George told me that Mifsud was very casual and -- what I know is that he was telling George to have a lot of Russian connections.

MR. QUIGLEY: The professor was telling George to --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, yes.

MR. QUIGLEY: -- have the Russian
connections.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, he did.

MR. QUIGLEY: Did he say why?

MS. MANGIANTE: He -- George used -- wanted to -- when he said that, George -- what tried to do, as far as I know, is to organize a meeting between Trump and Putin, because, apparently, the professor was introducing him to Putin's niece, and was telling those important connection in Russia that was -- George told me he understood were probably not even true, because he could not even meet -- organize a meeting with the Russian ambassador in London.

I know what George was trying to do, actually, was trying to organize a meeting between Trump and Putin.

MR. QUIGLEY: And he thought that the professor --

MS. MANGIANTE: And thought that Professor Mifsud was a connection likely to do that.

You have to understand that Professor Mifsud, yes, he talk about emails on Hillary Clinton to George --
MR. QUIGLEY: Well, what did he think the professor's relationship was with -- did he believe they had a strong relationship with those very high up in the Russian government?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think the first impression -- of course, George said, "I meet a man who is introducing himself as an academic in a very important context. I believed he had important connection until I thought he was a nobody when he failed even to organize a meeting with Russian ambassador in London."

That is what he told me.

So that is -- we can see all these emails in which he tries to organize a meeting between -- as foreign policy advisor to the campaign, he wanted to establish a bridge with the foreign governments. To make -- he tried to do it with Russia, as well. I mean not in an illegal, unlawful way, of course.

When Mifsud talked about emails, he said it was talking --

MR. QUIGLEY: When he talked about what?

MS. MANGIANTE: When he mentioned that those -- the emails to George --
MR. QUIGLEY: Yes.

MS. MANGIANTE: Emails on Hillary Clinton.

He said, "Oh, you know there are a lot of -- Russian told me there are a lot of dirt on Hillary Clinton."

He said he was doing that in a very casual, gossip way, in a specific moment where those emails on Hillary Clinton were speculated a little bit by the press all over the world. So he didn't give that much importance, and actually never forced to obtain those emails in any way. Mifsud never showed any email to George, he never offered emails. He was talking about emails.

Now I don't know why he would do that, actually. That is interesting.

MR. SCHIFF: And we have a lot of questions for you about that. But just so we can keep the chronology straight --

MS. MANGIANTE: Okay, okay.

MR. SCHIFF: I think we are still interested in --

MR. QUIGLEY: The initial --

MR. SCHIFF: -- the initial meeting that your
husband had with Mifsud. What has he related to you about that initial meeting?

What did your husband tell you about that initial meeting, in particular about any interest that Mifsud showed in either your husband's soon-to-be connection with the Trump campaign, or any ties your husband had with Russia?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, he had no ties with George. They don't have any ties with Russia whatsoever. As a -- let's say someone who is seeking for political connection, when he happened to meet in Rome someone that was going to be a policy advisor to the Trump campaign, he targeted him as an -- probably an interesting person to be in touch with.

What I know -- because, as I said, I didn't even know George at the time, so I mean, my contribution is according to what George told me -- is that Mifsud was acting very big, saying that he had a lot of -- I mean he said he had a lot of connection to Russia, and that he could help organize a meeting between Trump and Putin, so he could be the middleman for this introduction to give him access.
So George was very enthusiastic, because of course he wanted to impress, as a young -- you know, when you work in politics, you want to do your best to impress your boss. And I think, as he tried to do with the Egyptian president successfully, he tried to do with Putin unsuccessfully through Mifsud.

MR. SCHIFF: And so, was this discussed at their first meeting?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. That is a "don't know". I don't know. I can't -- I think George will be better placed to answer those questions, because I don't know the chronology. I can tell you that the first introduction was about -- so I know -- I mean, what is -- the nature of the relationship can be --

MR. SCHIFF: Is it accurate to say, though, that the professor had an interest in your husband because of his soon-to-be connection with the Trump campaign, and your husband had an interest in Mifsud because of his claimed contacts with Russia?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah, I think it is correct.

MR. SCHIFF: Mr. Quigley?
MR. QUIGLEY: Did George tell you he communicated back with the Trump campaign after the first meeting with the professor?

MS. MANGIANTE: Sorry, can I --

MR. QUIGLEY: Did your husband tell you that he communicated back to the Trump campaign after his first meeting with the professor?

MS. MANGIANTE: No. He always told me this is an information he is discussing with the FBI, and is not even communicating that to me, because I could -- it is very confidential.

MR. QUIGLEY: So -- but he didn't talk with anybody --

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't -- I can't answer this question. Sorry.

MR. QUIGLEY: Because you don't know, or because --

MS. MANGIANTE: Because George would simply not talk to me about that, because it is part of his cooperation with the FBI.

MR. SCHIFF: So in terms of questions about your husband's interactions with Mr. Mifsud and with
the Trump campaign, those are issues that you have
either been asked by your husband or the special
counsel asked your husband not to share information on?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think it is I don't know
who told what, but definitely -- I mean I don't know.
George, every time I -- I mean I prefer not to answer
those questions, because I don't know.

And I know this is a really sensitive topic
about his cooperation with the FBI, so he would tell
me, "I don't remember" to me, honestly. He would tell
me, "I don't remember." That is --

MR. SCHIFF: We will go through the
chronology, and --

MS. MANGIANTE: He always told me, "I never
saw an email. What I was trying to do was to organize
a meeting with -- between Putin and Trump." That is
what he would tell me.

He would say, "I don't recall," you know,
ever had an interest in those -- this gossip
conversation about emails.

As far as I read from these emails, there are
many emails in which he tries to set up a meeting with
Putin, but I never seen an email in which he says, oh, I have somebody offering any emails on Hillary Clinton.

MR. SCHIFF: So your husband has discussed with you the conversation he had with Mifsud over the emails?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, he did.

MR. SCHIFF: Okay.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, he did.

MR. SCHIFF: Okay. Well, we will want to get into that in detail. But why don't we try to stick with the chronological order?

MR. QUIGLEY: So my question -- I want to make sure we are on the same page of what you don't want to talk about -- was after the first meeting with the professor, did he communicate with the Trump campaign about that meeting?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. I really don't know.

MR. QUIGLEY: You don't know? Okay. Are you aware of anyone on the Trump campaign telling your husband to stop communications, or to continue the communications with the professor?
MS. MANGIANTE: This is -- I don't think anyone -- I mean, as far as I read from the emails, I don't think they ever stopped them. I think it would never take an initiative, as I said, unauthorized. He never did anything which -- when I say that I mean he never meant to do anything illegal. And probably -- I don't know if the perception of the campaign --

MR. QUIGLEY: I am not suggesting legality or not. I am just asking if -- first, if your husband communicated with the campaign after the first meeting with --

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't --

MR. QUIGLEY: And then second, whether the Trump campaign encouraged or discouraged those meetings.

MS. MANGIANTE: As I said, I don't know.

MR. QUIGLEY: Okay.

MS. MANGIANTE: And I just say I don't know if the Trump campaign encouraged or discouraged. I didn't know George at the time. But my feeling is that he would not do anything without a blessing from the campaign.
MR. QUIGLEY: Well, did your husband explain to you how he became involved with the Trump campaign?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, he told me it was working for the campaign of Ben Carson, and then probably through those night work -- he reached out, again, through LinkedIn, probably, to somebody -- a higher official on the campaign, saying he was interested to work for the campaign. And then he was lucky.

MR. QUIGLEY: On March of -- March 21st of 2016, then-candidate Trump announced his national security team. And we have the photograph and the table you are familiar with, with George, among many others. At the time candidate Trump said of Mr. Papadopoulos, "He is an energy and oil consultant, excellent guy."

According to press reports, a Greek journalist in touch with George stated that he -- that George told the -- that the President had personally phoned him and asked him to join the campaign. Did George tell you that that was accurate?

MS. MANGIANTE: I didn't even know about this
MR. QUIGLEY: Okay, but did George tell you that the candidate called him to ask him to become involved with the campaign?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, George told me it was reaching out to officials to join the campaign. He told me that he was trying to do -- to join the campaign. He never told me the other way around.

MR. QUIGLEY: Did he say that he had talked to the candidate before he went to that meeting with the table, and so forth, with the other --

MS. MANGIANTE: Sorry, I didn't understand.

MR. QUIGLEY: Did George tell you that candidate Trump -- did candidate Trump ever call him?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, he never told me -- I don't know. He never told me that, no. He never told me that.

Actually, I don't know this article, I would be interested to read it.

MR. SWALWELL: Has George ever discussed a conversation he has had with Donald Trump?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I don't think it -- I
mean he said only once to me that the first time he met
with Trump -- I don't even remember under which
circumstances he -- Trump was very nice to him, and,
you know, it was very positive.

MR. SWALWELL: Do you know if they ever
talked on the phone?

MS. MANGIANTE: Talking to --

MR. SWALWELL: Do you know if Donald Trump
and George ever talk on the phone?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't think so, actually.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay.

MS. MANGIANTE: I think it was more in touch
with the -- while he was in London, I think he was --
first of all, George was in London at the time, and was
coordinating with the -- I think with other officials
in the campaign. That is why I said he had -- he would
call. But I don't think -- he never told me he was
talking to him on the phone. He never --

MR. SWALWELL: Do you --

MS. MANGIANTE: I mean I don't recall him
ever telling me that he would talk with Trump on the
phone.
MR. SWALWELL: And, to your knowledge, George has only met Donald Trump once? Or how many times do you believe he has met him?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think probably a couple of times, but I don't remember.

MR. SWALWELL: What makes you think that?

MS. MANGIANTE: Because once I asked him how many times did you meet with Trump, and he would say not much, really. So he just mentioned one meeting. But then I suppose that he -- also the big, famous picture table. So must be, I don't know, a couple of times.

MR. SWALWELL: The one meeting that he described meeting him at, was that the March 30, 2016 meeting that -- the big picture meeting?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I think it was referring to another meeting at the beginning, when they -- introduced himself first to Trump. I don't know if it was the same day. I don't think so.

But we really didn't talk about -- much about his meeting with Trump. So I don't think he really met Trump many times. I don't -- this is my --
MR. SWALWELL: And when did he first start talking to Hope Hicks?

MS. MANGIANTE: Excuse me?

MR. SWALWELL: When did he first start talking to Hope Hicks?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. I just know he was in touch with her while -- for example, in -- okay, from London, you know, just like I was saying, oh, did you -- were you in touch with Hope Hicks, and he said, "Yes, I was in touch with her." That is all. I mean I didn't dig into this interaction with Trump or, you know -- just like coordinating things.

I remember probably when -- he mentioned his article, London -- Times of London would say that he asked the -- Cameron to apologize for saying Trump -- I don't know, insulted Trump, and George -- and then this article appeared, and then it caused problems in the campaign, and so on that occasion I think he talked with Hope Hicks. That is what my recollection of -- around the conversation I had with him.

MR. SWALWELL: Do you know who he was in contact with in the early stages, from the time that he
joined the campaign to having the meeting with -- the
first meeting with the professor, and then leading up
to that March 30 meeting at the Trump Hotel? Do you
know which Trump campaign individuals he was talking
to?

MS. MANGIANTE: I wouldn't have much accurate
knowledge of his work at the time. And I barely
recollect what I did myself, so I don't know about
George.

What I know is that in that -- it was --
while he was working the campaign he would refer to
high officials in the campaign. I saw Steve Bannon,
Michael Flynn via email, because he was based in
London, so he was definitely in touch with high
officials in the campaign. That is all I know.

MR. SWALWELL: Did the professor ever talk to
you about George's early days on the campaign, and the
professor's meeting with George?

MS. MANGIANTE: The professor never talked
with me about George at all, because the time -- I
might have -- I started to work for the London Centre I
didn't even know George. So we connected much later.
MR. SWALWELL: Did the professor ever talk to you about -- because you were working -- you started working for him right as the campaign was reaching election day. Did you and the professor ever talk about the American election going on?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, we did.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. Did the --

MS. MANGIANTE: I remember Naji Idris in this context. This is even before George reached out to me through LinkedIn. He told me someone who used to work for us is now advising the campaign. That is -- I remember -- the only reference to George.

And I remember the professor, while we were talking about American campaign, I was giving my point of view. He said, "Never express your point of view in politics. That is rule number one."

MR. QUIGLEY: What was that?

MS. MANGIANTE: That is the only thing said -- the professor to me. We were having lunch in London with Naji Idris, and we were talking about the American election.

MR. SWALWELL: And Mr. Idris, when he said
that someone worked for us who was connected to the campaign, did he name George, or did he just --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, he didn't --

MR. SWALWELL: -- give that description?

MS. MANGIANTE: He didn't name George, no.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay.

MR. QUIGLEY: Did George talk to you about what he had hoped to accomplish in the campaign, besides setting up the meeting between candidate Trump and President Putin?

MS. MANGIANTE: Well, actually, he told me that -- first of all, as a foreign policy advisor, was trying to do the same job with other foreign leaders. So he successfully organized a meeting with Sisi in Egypt, and was trying to develop contacts with the Japanese government, British governments.

I see that you received those -- the addressed to him letter of congratulation when Trump won the election. So Russia is really a small, small, small part of his contribution to the -- it was not his main focus.

That is something I would like to share with
you is also that George told me that during his interview with the FBI he volunteered Mifsud to the FBI. So he was the -- when the FBI asked, "Do you know anything about -- did you ever hear about Russia," whatever, "Did you have any contact with Russia," he has been actually in -- he mentioned this person who is a Maltese professor, so he is not even Russian professor, who said -- alleged to have Russia connection that George wanted to use to organize a meeting. And then he said to the FBI, he -- and he was mentioning also dirt on Hillary Clinton.

MR. QUIGLEY: Who was mentioning the dirt on Hillary --

MS. MANGIANTE: The professor was also mentioning to me these emails. So it was George telling those information to the FBI, thinking to do something for, you know, just being as transparent as he could.

MR. SCHIFF: I am sorry, but I may have misheard. The professor mentioned emails to you, or you --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, no, no.
MR. SCHIFF: -- are recollecting what George had said about the professor's conversation with him?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I am saying -- no, no. The professor never mentioned anything to me. It was -- I said that George gave to the FBI the information that the Professor Mifsud was talking to him about those emails.

MR. SCHIFF: Yes, okay.

MS. MANGIANTE: Not the other way around.

MR. SCHIFF: I think we should probably try to move through the outline with more alacrity, because we may be called away. I don't know what the vote schedule is, but -- what is that? Okay.

MR. HECK: Can I --

MR. SCHIFF: Go ahead.

MR. HECK: Can I go to the beginning of this with a real brief question?

MR. SCHIFF: Yes, of course.

MR. HECK: And I had to step out, and I am having a hard time hearing.

MS. MANGIANTE: Sorry.

MR. HECK: So I apologize if you have
clarified this --

MS. MANGIANTE: I tried to raise my voice as much as I can.

MR. HECK: I just want to quickly understand. And thanks for being here, by the way.

MS. MANGIANTE: You are welcome.

MR. HECK: I thought I heard you continually refer to Mr. Roh's wife as a Russian princess.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah.

MR. HECK: Did he give you any more description of that? I thought the Czar age was long gone. What do you mean by princess?

MS. MANGIANTE: It is the way she is -- I think she is coming from the -- yeah, let's say the Czar family descendent.

MR. HECK: Did he ever suggest a name, a Russian name?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know her name, but you can Google her, Olga Roh.

MR. HECK: Pardon?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know her surname, but you can Google this person. She is Olga Roh.
MR. HECK: And it is your impression -- or he attempted to convey to you --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, that is not --

MR. HECK: -- that --

MS. MANGIANTE: Sorry. This information, it was -- came from my own research, never --

MR. HECK: Okay.

MS. MANGIANTE: -- Mifsud or anybody else told me about --

MR. HECK: And did your own research suggest that this was a source of considerable wealth?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. HECK: Okay, thank you.

MR. SWALWELL: On March 23rd, 2016 George emailed Carter Page and copied Sam Clovis and others. Are you familiar with that email?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: He included a link in that email to an interview he had given by -- about his thoughts on ISIS, the Kurds, and radical Islam. It is two days after Donald Trump announced his foreign policy team.
Did George express that he was a substantive voice on the foreign policy team? Was he giving advice to the team that was being received at the highest levels?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know precisely with respect to this specific email you are talking about, because I don't know this email. But yes, my understanding is that he was heard.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. Now we have talked a little bit about the meeting with who is referred to as Olga Polonskya. And that was on March 24th, 2016, with George and the professor in London. What did George tell you about that meeting? That is where the professor brought who he described as Putin's niece.

MS. MANGIANTE: He was -- he simply told me that he was under the impression she was someone important, because of the introduction that Mifsud made. That is all.

MR. SWALWELL: Did George believe her to be Putin's niece at the time?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think yes.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. And did --
MS. MANGIANTE: I think.

MR. SWALWELL: And did George hope to be connected to President Putin to connect President Putin to candidate Trump?

MS. MANGIANTE: He wanted to. That is what he wanted to do.

MR. SWALWELL: Did George have, like, a directive from anyone on the campaign to make this connection, or was this --

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know.

MR. SWALWELL: -- just George's idea?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. I really don't know.

MR. SWALWELL: Did George ever talk about anyone else on the campaign wanting to connect Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin? Has he ever talked to you about that?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know.

MR. SWALWELL: Well, do you think George was the only one on the campaign who was interested in connecting Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know anybody else in
the campaign, so --

MR. SCHIFF: Let me just ask, as well. It looks like this was the second meeting between your husband and the professor. And he shows up at the second meeting with somebody he claims is Putin's niece.

Do you know why -- did George tell you why the professor brought her, why he wanted to introduce your husband to this Russian woman? Had they discussed Russia in the first meeting, or what accounts for her being brought to the second meeting?

MS. MANGIANTE: I can't be so accurate for the second meeting, I really don't know. When you asked me what George talked about, this person, he thought it was an important contact to help having access to the network line to organize a meeting with -- between Trump and Putin.

He thought that Mifsud was bringing her to the meeting to -- you know, to make an introduction important, likely to give him the access to -- like make this -- you know, she can help because she is high level. That is what he told me.
And but then he told me later on, "While I was attempting to organize this meeting, while I was attempting to have access to," you know, people capable to organize this meeting, "I realize that they were nobody." And she might have been Mifsud's mistress, I don't know. It was also talking like that, you know. That is what his guess -- he started to guess everything.

MR. SCHIFF: But did the -- did George and the professor discuss Russia in their first meeting? Is that why he would bring this woman to the second meeting?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know.

MR. SCHIFF: Or --

MS. MANGIANTE: This I don't know.

MR. SCHIFF: Do you know whether this was the professor's initiative to bring a Russian to the second meeting?

MS. MANGIANTE: I honestly can't tell.

MR. SCHIFF: Okay, thank you.

MR. SWALWELL: Did George get contact information from this Russian woman at that meeting?
Did they exchange --

MR. SCHIFF: Yes, they -- I think they were communicating via Skype or email. I think they were. I don't know Skype, but maybe email. I don't know. Definitely she -- I think they exchanged contact.

MR. SWALWELL: Did George ever talk about his relationship with Sam Clovis?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah, he mentioned that he probably asked Sam Clovis to join the campaign. I don't know if he reached out to Sam Clovis through LinkedIn.

MR. SWALWELL: Did he talk about any conversations he had, or emails he had with Sam Clovis after the meeting with the professor and Olga?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, he didn't.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. Now, did George mention going to the March 31st meeting at the Trump Hotel with candidate Trump? Did George ever talk about what George said during that meeting, if --

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: Have you heard reports that George offered at that meeting to connect Donald Trump
and Vladimir Putin?

MS. MANGIANTE: It was -- yeah, I heard it, but --

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever ask George if he said that?

MS. MANGIANTE: He said -- I mean, honestly, I don't remember. We might have discussed it, but I don't remember right now.

MR. SWALWELL: Did George ever talk about to you whether candidate Trump discussed candidate Trump's views about Russia at that March 31st meeting?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know if there was a March 31st, but definitely George's understanding was that improving relation with countries was important thing for Trump, including Russia.

MR. SWALWELL: Did George ever talk to Donald Trump directly about improving the relations with Russia?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know, I really don't know. But George was under the impression doing something good, trying to organize a meeting. There was absolutely nothing illegal in trying to -- he was a
foreign policy advisor. I mean at least in his
perception -- my perception, too.

MR. SWALWELL: Did George ever tell you that
Jeff Sessions shot down George's idea at that
March 31st meeting to connect Donald Trump and Vladimir
Putin?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think it would be
interesting to address to him directly those questions,
because I am really not sure to be accurate enough. I
don't know. My --

MR. SWALWELL: Do you remember when the
attorney general --

MS. MANGIANTE: My idea, what is my idea, is
that if it was shot down they would not go through
this --

MR. SWALWELL: Yes.

MS. MANGIANTE: That is my assumption. But I
don't know, I don't recall George telling me explicitly
I -- he did not do that or he did do that. It is very
confusing also for me. I don't want to give
information that I am not sure of.

MR. SWALWELL: So, Ms. Mangiante, it is fair
to say that, since George's cooperation agreement and
his arrest, your lives have changed. You see your name
in the news now, and you read about George. Do you
remember when Attorney General Sessions gave an
interview about that meeting at the Trump Hotel? Do
you remember when he said that --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah.

MR. SWALWELL: -- he remembers George
speaking up?

MS. MANGIANTE: I mean he was -- which
meeting? I mean which interview you are talking about?

MR. SWALWELL: So after George's arrest --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: -- do you remember -- it was
in the public discussion and on the news.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes. If Jeff Sessions shot
him down.

MR. SWALWELL: Yes.

MS. MANGIANTE: One of --

MR. SWALWELL: And my question for you is,
you know, you are seeing your family now on TV, your
fiancé at the time is on TV.
MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: The Attorney General of the United States is saying publicly that your fiancé recommended something and that the attorney general shot it down.

There must have been a reaction in your home about, you know, hey, George, did this really happen, or is he telling the truth. What happened when that occurred?

MS. MANGIANTE: Well, of course the -- one of the reasons why I finally accepted an interview, first with ABC News, the time I was invited -- say okay, first of all, that is not true, he had no contact with the high official in the Russian campaign because I have seen the campaign distancing them from George.

And then I delivered another message, which is it will never do a push on anything without authorization from the campaign.

Now I can't recall exactly the conversation we had when this piece of news was heard. That is -- I can tell you that definitely my understanding is that he would never do anything if he was shot down.
MR. SWALWELL: So your reading of George's reaction when the attorney general said that was that that was not --

MS. MANGIANTE: First of all --

MR. SWALWELL: -- what the attorney general said.

MS. MANGIANTE: -- I think it was like why are we talking about arranging a meeting with Putin, between Putin and Trump, when there is nothing illegal, unlawful, trying to attempt this. So why would the campaign stop me?

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. According to the statement of the offense for George, in early April 2016 George sent multiple emails to other members of the campaign's foreign policy team about his contacts with the Russians. Are you familiar with any April 2016 communications between George and the campaign about ongoing contacts with the Russians?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: So this -- just so we are clear on the timeline, this is now after the attorney general allegedly shut George down when he suggested
connecting Donald Trump and Putin.

   MS. MANGIANTE: That is what he said.

   MR. SWALWELL: Right. And so I guess what
you are telling us is that George wouldn't -- based on
your conversations with George, he would not have
proceeded to develop further relations with the
Russians if he felt --

   MS. MANGIANTE: Based --

   MR. SWALWELL: -- he shouldn't be doing --

   MS. MANGIANTE: Based on my understanding of
his work, definitely he would not do that. And as I
said, he was also under the -- he was confident he was
doing something good, because improving relation with
Russia was one of the goal of campaign.

   MR. SWALWELL: And on April 10th George
emails Olga and suggests setting up a potential foreign
policy trip to Russia. Olga actually --

   MR. SCHIFF: Before you get into that --

   MR. SWALWELL: Yes.

   MR. SCHIFF: -- if I could just clarify a
bit.

   If I understood what you were saying
correctly, your understanding is George wouldn't be
pursuing this meeting with Putin if the campaign had
communicated to him that they didn't want to have
him --

MS. MANGIANTE: Exactly. This is what I
said, yes.

MR. SCHIFF: That is correct?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SCHIFF: And so, if he was pursuing this,
this was both with the knowledge of the campaign,
people higher up in the campaign, and with their
blessing.

MS. MANGIANTE: That is my assumption. As I
said, I can't recall every conversation I had with
George when a piece of news came out. I am just here
to refer my understanding as -- you know, I don't want
to give inaccurate details about timing and
conversation or what he told me. But this is my
understanding based on my experience of this situation.

MR. SCHIFF: And in this early period, April
2016, is George communicating by email with the
campaign to keep them in the loop about his discussions
with the professor, his meetings with Putin's niece?
To your knowledge, is George communicating this with
the campaign?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know, because I
didn't read all his emails. But I don't know if -- I
think the prosecutors have those emails.

MR. SCHIFF: And do you know who George's
immediate supervisors were on the campaign? Who would
he be keeping in communication with about his efforts
to establish a relationship with the Russians?

MS. MANGIANTE: Immediate supervisor? I
don't know. I can say that, going through his iPad, I
have seen myself a few communication, random
communication to Steve Bannon, Michael Flynn. That
is --

MR. SCHIFF: Steve Bannon and Michael Flynn?
To your knowledge, did he also communicate with Sam
Clovis?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think he did, but I don't
remember. I didn't go through all his emails. But
that -- his name was in contact with officials in the
campaign. And as I said, being based in London, most
of his communication were -- happened via email. So I guess the prosecutor have full access to all this.

MR. SWALWELL: Are you -- has George ever talked to you about emailing with the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs connection, that -- the person from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs based in London?

MS. MANGIANTE: I remember George told me he wanted -- that Mifsud failed to introduce to him, basically, anyone real advantage. The only people he introduced to was this fake Russian -- Putin's niece. He tried to attempt to arrange a meeting with the ambassador in London he told me, but that never happened. He could not even introduce to him the ambassador, Russian ambassador in London.

And then he mentioned to me later on that -- introduced to him a think tank Russian person, was holding a think tank.

MR. SWALWELL: And are you familiar with any Skyping -- Skype conversations that George was having in April 2016 to lay the "groundwork" for a potential meeting between the campaign and Russian government
officials, Skype conversations between George and a Russian MFA connection?

MS. MANGIANTE: I -- as far as I know, George didn't have any contact with the Russian -- with officials, whatsoever, zero. So that is what he told me. And it is -- as I said, the only Russian connection he developed through Mifsud are his Russian Putin niece and another person that I didn't even know existed until probably a few months ago, is this Russian guy -- I can't even remember his name -- from a think tank.

MR. SWALWELL: George told you about this Russian guy?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I think it is written everywhere. He told me that -- I mean he told me, "I didn't really have any connection to Russians." I mean --

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. So just so I can --

MS. MANGIANTE: Mifsud sold a lot of contacts that he could not provide.

MR. SWALWELL: And just so we are clear, I am referring to George's statement of the offense, where
Mifsud introduced George over email to an individual in Moscow who told George that this individual had connections to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Did you -- you don't recall that?

MS. MANGIANTE: Sorry. This individual in Moscow, what -- can you say it again, just --

MR. SWALWELL: Yes. According to the statement of the offense, on April 18, 2016 the professor introduced George to an individual in Moscow who told George he had connections to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

MS. MANGIANTE: Is that the think tank person, maybe?

MR. SWALWELL: Well, in the statement of the offense he is referred to as the Russian MFA connection, and that George had several conversations over Skype.

MS. MANGIANTE: I think it is exactly, yeah. I asked George, after all. I remember even the FBI asked me about this person I didn't know at the time. I think it is -- you are talking about this -- George told me this think tank person.
MR. SWALWELL: Okay. And so this is now clearly --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah, that is --

MR. SWALWELL: -- two weeks after --

MS. MANGIANTE: And it is not an official, it is not a Russian official, it is a Russian national.

MR. SWALWELL: Are you aware of any meetings between George and the Russian ambassador to the United Kingdom?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, never happened. He told me it never happened, even though in email I read it said I met the Russian ambassador. Actually, it never happened.

MR. SWALWELL: So on April 25th, 2016, according to the state of the offense, nearly one month after Attorney General Sessions allegedly told George not to work on the Putin-Trump meeting, George emails a senior policy advisor saying the Russian government has an open invitation by Putin for Mr. Trump to meet him when he is ready.

Did George ever talk to you about --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah.
MR. SWALWELL: -- that arrangement?

MS. MANGIANTE: It was -- no, he was trying
to set up a meeting. Yes, he told me he tried his best
to set up a meeting with -- between Trump and Putin.

MR. SWALWELL: And he believed, even after
the attorney general allegedly said this on April 25th,
2016, that it was okay to try and make that
arrangement?

MS. MANGIANTE: I --

MR. SWALWELL: Let me rephrase that. So
April -- as late as April 25th, 2016 George still
believed that he should set up a meeting between Trump
and Putin.

MS. MANGIANTE: Well, you are asking me for
dates. And, as I said, all events that happened when I
didn't even know George. So I think this -- he can
only answer those questions accurately.

MR. SWALWELL: The email also -- George also
suggested in the email that the government speak in
neutral cities. Do you know why George was proposing
that they speak in a neutral city?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know why he writes
these kind of emails. I don't know. Maybe he was quoting what people said. Like to be out of the -- I don't know. Neutral cities means not Russia, not -- I don't know.

(Pause.)

MR. SCHIFF: According to the statement of offense, on April 26th, 2016 George met with Professor Mifsud for breakfast at a London hotel, and it was at that meeting that Mifsud told your husband that he had just returned from a trip to Moscow, where he met with high-level government officials, and learned that the Russians had obtained dirt on then-candidate Clinton.

According to the statement of the offense, Mifsud told Papadopoulos -- as your husband later described to the FBI, "They, the Russians, have dirt on her. Russians had emails of Clinton. They have thousands of emails."

When did you first learn of this overture by Professor Mifsud to George, this discussion of the all the Clinton emails?

MS. MANGIANTE: When did I learn?

MR. SCHIFF: Yes.
MS. MANGIANTE: George didn't mention that to me before all the scandal came out.

MR. SCHIFF: So when would you have learned about that, that meeting, that discussion?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think I was in his lawyer's office while he was signing the agreements. I think I told -- I asked him -- because at the time I was in New York, and I said I will tell you -- I was guessing what is going on with you, what is this -- what is happening, and then he said, "I don't know what is going on. I was approached" -- I think it was close to his plea agreement when I learned about exactly the fact that the Mifsud offered emails. I think even George didn't really realize what was going on until the plea agreement, until the -- he negotiated with the FBI.

MR. SCHIFF: And what did he tell you about what Mifsud told him regarding the emails?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah, was mentioning to George -- who the -- "they," when you say "they" --

MR. SCHIFF: What did George tell you that --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah, George --
MR. SCHIFF: -- Mifsud told him about the emails?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah, George told me -- yeah, Mifsud -- if I can report -- that looks like a case -- it is like a subject to talk about, emails, dirt on -- Russians have thousands of emails on Hillary Clinton. He told me that he had a connection to Russia. But he was talking like on -- they informally, casually, randomly told me was not in the context of serious, dramatic disclosure of something that, you know, was likely to be awful, the news.

George also said today who knows what he was trying to do, if he was -- what was real intention. When we learned that he was affiliated actually with -- if he was simply talking, was -- if he -- I mean why would he talk about that to somebody? To see how this person reacts? I don't know.

MR. SCHIFF: You mentioned I think earlier that -- in characterizing this, that it came across as gossip, this was something that was in the public --

MS. MANGIANTE: Domain.

MR. SCHIFF: -- domain. But at this time in
April of 2016 it was actually not in the public domain.

MS. MANGIANTE: It was not?

MR. SCHIFF: No. They -- the first release of the emails didn't take place until June, July, months later.

MS. MANGIANTE: Sorry, we are talking about the emails of Hillary Clinton or the DNC emails?

MR. SCHIFF: Well, either Clinton or DNC emails.

MS. MANGIANTE: Okay, both of them. So --

MR. SCHIFF: Neither of those began to be released until the summer.

MS. MANGIANTE: Okay.

MR. SCHIFF: So at this point it wasn't public information.

MS. MANGIANTE: Because I remember there were a lot of talk about this. Now I can't recollect exactly when, but I remember there were talking over the world about those things. Now you are telling me -- okay, so I take note.

MR. SCHIFF: Well, I just want to make sure that we have the chronology correct. So this is taking
place in April of 2016, when there is no public
information that Hillary Clinton or the DNC emails may
be in the possession of the Russians.

Your husband described this as the professor
relating it in a casual way?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, that is how he described
it to me.

MR. SCHIFF: But did your husband tell you
that the professor had informed him prior to revealing
that the Russians had these emails, that he had just
come from a trip to Russia, and learned this from
Russian government officials?

MS. MANGIANTE: No. I think he was talking
about -- I mean he told me it was randomly -- I don't
know -- I should read again the legal paper. I think
it was mentioning those emails. The Russians, there is
a lot of emails --

MR. SCHIFF: Yes, I mean --

MS. MANGIANTE: I mean, I don't -- sorry, you
can --

MR. SCHIFF: Yes. No, I -- it is less
important what you remember from the written statement
of the offense, because we can read that. But it is
more important what your husband told you about it at
the time he first relayed these facts to you.
And so, do you remember your husband telling
you that the professor had informed him that he had
just come back from Moscow?
MS. MANGIANTE: I don't remember. He is --
him telling me that. I remember George telling me he
was acting like -- talking about this -- but he never
gave much importance to that.
It is -- sorry, you are telling me that this
-- those information were in the public domain when?
MR. SCHIFF: Well, the emails didn't start to
become the subject of discussion by their release until
the summer. And just to put in context, it wasn't
until July of 2016 that candidate Trump said publicly,
"Hey, Russians, if you are listening, hack Hillary
Clinton's emails."
MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, I remember.
MR. SCHIFF: So what -- as specifically as
you can recall, what has your husband told you about
the specifics of what Mr. Mifsud said about the emails?
MS. MANGIANTE: The -- is this -- that he
told me he was not referring to the DNC email, he was
talking about thousands of dirt emails, dirt on Hillary
Clinton, probably was referring to -- the email that
Hillary Clinton deleted?

MR. SCHIFF: I -- don't ask --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I am sorry, okay. So I
don't ask you. What he told me is that he didn't give
much importance, but he thought it was very weird, that
a professor, this professor who barely knew him and --
would talk about these emails. But he told me also
that -- because I said, "Did he show you an email, did
he offer you to give you any emails?" He said no,
never.

MR. SCHIFF: Now, in the statement of the
offense it talks about -- well, let me ask you this
way. Did he relate to you information that the
Russians were prepared to be helpful to the campaign by
anonymously releasing these emails?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, no.

MR. SCHIFF: So what, if anything, did he
tell you about the emails, as best as you can
recollect? What has your husband told you about that conversation with Mifsud?

MS. MANGIANTE: He really told me when Mifsud started to talk about those emails I didn't give much importance. And, you know, it was like gossip to me.

What I gave importance to is the fact that it could have Russian connection useful to organize a meeting with Putin. That was his focus. George really wanted to organize a meeting.

So it really didn't tell me much about email. I would like to tell you more, but really, he didn't.

MR. SCHIFF: So George felt that the professor had good enough connections, though, in Russia to arrange a meeting with the President of Russia.

MS. MANGIANTE: At first that was his impression. Then he changed his mind when he realized that he wasn't capable to even organize a meeting with the Russian ambassador in London.

MR. SCHIFF: But at the time that the -- that Mifsud tells him that the Russians have these emails, and he has just come back from Russia, your husband was
under the impression that he was well connected enough in Russia to arrange a meeting with Putin?

MS. MANGIANTE: Well, it was -- he had this perception, based on what -- how Mifsud introduced himself and his connection to Russia deep into the -- by the conversation about emails.

MR. SCHIFF: And at that point, though, in April of 2016, your husband believed that in fact he had these good connections in Russia.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, he believed -- he said no reason to think he was lying. Why would he lie about his connection to Russia? He is an academic, he is a middle-aged person. Why would he make a fool of himself?

Then he -- his idea changed over time. That is why he said, "What do you think about it?" He would ask me, "What do you think about Mifsud?"

MR. SCHIFF: And prior to this meeting had Mifsud or anyone else suggested to your husband that the Russians might have information that would be useful for him, for the Trump campaign?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know.
MR. SCHIFF: And prior to the meeting had Mifsud given any indication that he had information to convey to your husband from the Russians?

MS. MANGIANTE: Sorry, what do you mean, exactly, to convey to --

MR. SCHIFF: Did your husband ever tell you that before he met with the professor in which he raised these emails, that the professor was going to share with him information that he had obtained in Moscow?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, he didn't know that. I don't think he knew that. He met him, he didn't know what to expect from this meeting.

MR. SCHIFF: So prior to going to the breakfast meeting your husband didn't know what to expect of the meeting.

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't want to answer -- I don't know. Because we are talking --

MR. SCHIFF: And it is fine --

MS. MANGIANTE: My --

MR. SCHIFF: If you don't know --

MS. MANGIANTE: Exactly, I said don't know.
MR. SCHIFF: -- it is best that you tell us that you don't --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, I don't know.

MR. SCHIFF: And did he tell you whether -- who else was present at this meeting in which the professor mentioned the dirt and the emails?

MS. MANGIANTE: Putin's -- no, no, I don't know. I don't know if it is -- which meeting he met, I don't know.

MR. SCHIFF: So you don't --

MS. MANGIANTE: Sorry, Putin -- sorry, I don't know.

MR. SCHIFF: So you don't know who, if anyone, was --

MS. MANGIANTE: Who was present?

MR. SCHIFF: Present.

MS. MANGIANTE: No. No, I don't know.

MR. SCHIFF: Did your husband ever tell you whether anyone else had raised with him, beside Mifsud, the Russians' possession of these emails?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't think he mentioned anybody else.
MR. SCHIFF: And who did your husband tell you he communicated this information to on the Trump campaign?

MS. MANGIANTE: I can't answer this question.

MR. SCHIFF: And when you say can't answer, does that mean that you have been asked not to answer this question?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, it means that I don't know, first of all. And that is George will not clearly give an answer to me. I mean he never gave me a straight answer to that.

MR. SCHIFF: And did you ask him that? When you say he never gave you a straight answer, that suggests that you had asked him, but he wouldn't give you a clear answer to it.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah.

MR. SCHIFF: Did he tell you why he didn't want to tell you that?

MS. MANGIANTE: He told me that it was object of the investigation and, you know, he said -- you know, sometimes he doesn't recall, really. He doesn't recall himself. It is very difficult sometimes to
recall exactly -- I said there is no -- as you can read now -- I don't know.

MR. SCHIFF: Well, I mean, obviously, this is a critical question.

MS. MANGIANTE: I know. This is the object of the investigation, and I don't -- I mean I -- all the interview between George and the FBI is about.

MR. SCHIFF: So I guess my question is when you say you can't say, is this a --

MS. MANGIANTE: Sorry, this is probably an English mistake. When I say I can't say, it is translation from me to say I would not know. It doesn't mean that I am not allowed to say.

MR. SCHIFF: Well, that is what I wanted clarification on.

MS. MANGIANTE: Sorry, it is my English -- okay. It is -- I should think of better English when I answer.

MR. SCHIFF: Are you --

MS. MANGIANTE: I will say I don't know.

MR. SCHIFF: Okay. So in terms of who your husband communicated to within the campaign that he had
been made aware of these emails in Russian possession, you can't tell us because?

MS. MANGIANTE: Because I don't know.

MR. SCHIFF: You don't know. And the reason you don't know, despite asking your husband, is that he would not share that information with you because it was the subject of the FBI inquiry?

MS. MANGIANTE: He would not recall sometimes. I said this is -- yeah, part he is very careful about, his conversation with the FBI. And he -- sometimes he would say, "I don't recall." That is true. He told me, "I don't recall."

MR. SCHIFF: But plainly, he didn't want to discuss this with you, for whatever reason.


MR. SCHIFF: There has been public reporting -- if you can answer this, there has been public reporting that your husband emailed other members of the campaign, including a gentleman named Mashburn -- and I have that name correctly, don't I? John Mashburn.

There has been public reporting that he
emailed John Mashburn and copied other people on the
email about this conversation with Mifsud on the
emails. Did he ever tell you that he had emailed
others on the campaign, even if he didn't tell you who
they were?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I -- he didn't tell me
anything about that. It is a straight no. I didn't
even know there were -- I mean I didn't do my research
well enough. I didn't even know there were public
email in which he is talking about those emails.

MR. SCHIFF: Let me be clear. There is a
public report that he emailed others. I am not saying
there are public emails.

MS. MANGIANTE: I have never seen this email,
though.

MR. SCHIFF: But he has never confided in you
whether he emailed other people in the campaign or not
about the conversation with Mifsud on the emails?

MS. MANGIANTE: Well, I remember we were
discussing it as -- so there is an email about that,
and he said, "I don't recall sending an email. If
there is an email, it would be up to people to show
me," because his memory doesn't remember to send an email. So --

MR. SCHIFF: So he has told you that he doesn't recall emailing others on the campaign?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, and he will -- about emails or --

MR. SCHIFF: Let me just --

MS. MANGIANTE: This is about something -- the news a few -- probably two months ago, right?

MR. SCHIFF: Yes.

MS. MANGIANTE: Okay.

MR. SCHIFF: But let me ask this again, just to make sure that -- because I think you started answering before I was finished with the question.

MS. MANGIANTE: I am sorry.

MR. SCHIFF: Your husband has told you he doesn't recall sending an email to other members of the campaign about his conversation with Mifsud about the Russians having Clinton emails.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah.

MR. SCHIFF: Is that correct?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.
MR. SCHIFF: But as to whether he verbally communicated with other members of the campaign about his discussion with Mifsud on the emails, that he would not discuss with you.

MS. MANGIANTE: He would probably give me the same answer, he doesn't recall.

MR. SCHIFF: So your understanding, then, is he doesn't recall either sending an email -- he doesn't recall whether he sent an email or not, and he doesn't recall whether he discussed it or not. Is that a accurate summary?

MS. MANGIANTE: Which is -- probably it is accurate to say that I simply don't know.

MR. SCHIFF: Okay, well -- because this is very important that we be specific on this. You don't know whether he sent an email and you don't know whether he discussed the Mifsud conversation --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SCHIFF: -- with others on the campaign.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

(Pause.)

MR. SCHIFF: Did your husband ever tell you
What his reaction was when the President publicly --
then candidate-Trump publicly called for the Russians
to hack Hillary Clinton's emails, that they would be
rewarded? Did your husband ever tell you what his
reaction to that was?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, he never told me.

MR. SCHIFF: Now, the story that I referred
to --

MS. MANGIANTE: It was -- I remember it was
-- ah, yes. It was like, oh, yeah, if they are -- some
Russian collusion ever happened, why would he publicly
say that? That is what he told me.

MR. SCHIFF: The story that I am referring to
is a story from two months ago, in May, in which it was
reported that Mr. Mashburn said repeatedly that he
recalled receiving a message with some detail about
Russian information on Mrs. Clinton, and that other
campaign officials almost certainly would have been
copied on the memo. And that is an email that Mr.
Mashburn is reported to have testified he received from
your husband.

And I think, if I understood your testimony
today, you don't know whether that is accurate or not, that Mr. Mashburn received a --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes. I mean did he show this email?

MR. SCHIFF: I am sorry?

MS. MANGIANTE: During his testimony provided with the email?

MR. SCHIFF: I am just reading --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, no, just -- no, it was --

MR. SCHIFF: Yes.

MS. MANGIANTE: I know you are reading, but I think that was our guess, was -- I remember George telling me about a call to --

MR. SCHIFF: That he doesn't recall putting it in writing?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah.

MR. SCHIFF: Do you have a question on this --

MR. SWALWELL: So January 27 of 2017, you and George were dating at that point?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, we were talking.

MR. SWALWELL: You were talking. Does that
date stand out for any reason to you?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think it is the date of the interview with the FBI, George's interview with the FBI. I remember because it was close to my birthday.

MR. SWALWELL: When is your birthday?

MS. MANGIANTE: [redacted].

MR. SWALWELL: Where did the FBI interview George that day?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think they came to his house.

MR. SWALWELL: Do you know what time of day they came?

MS. MANGIANTE: In the morning.

MR. SWALWELL: Do you know what time in the morning?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I don't remember. I think early in the morning.

MR. SWALWELL: Was he expecting them?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I don't think so.

MR. SWALWELL: Was it a surprise to him?

MS. MANGIANTE: We had been talking about -- no, he told me it was very comfortable. He didn't
suspect anything could happen to him eventually. He
told me he was preparing to go to Washington because he
wanted to have an interview with the White House, to
have a job with the White House, so -- and that is why
I said I would cooperate, say whatever I have to say, I
am happy to help with the FBI, that is what he told me.

So I was not even -- his mother was more
concerned. She told me she would not allow the FBI
agent in the house, and George said, "No, no, I want to
talk with them." That is what happened --

MR. SWALWELL: Where was George at the time?

MS. MANGIANTE: His mother's house.

MR. SWALWELL: Where is that?

MS. MANGIANTE: In the Lincoln Square.

MR. SWALWELL: In Chicago?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. Lincoln Square.

Did George tell you that day that he had been
interviewed --

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: -- by the FBI?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.
MR. SWALWELL: Do you know if George told anybody else that he had been interviewed by the FBI that day?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know who he was in touch with, what he was doing at the time. I know he was in touch with me via WhatsApp, you know, but he didn't tell me.

MR. SWALWELL: Do you know if George told anybody working at the White House that he had been interviewed?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know.

MR. SWALWELL: Have you ever asked him?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't think -- yes. I think one of the things he told me about the interview with the FBI is not allowed to have any contact whatsoever with anyone affiliated to Trump. So that is one restriction. So I don't think he would.

MR. SWALWELL: No, I am talking about the first interview.

MS. MANGIANTE: Ah, the first interview. I don't know, I really don't know.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. Do you know if he
talked after the January 27 interview in the morning -- if George talked to anybody on the campaign about that interview?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. He didn't even tell me at the time, so whatever I learn is months later.

MR. SWALWELL: And the second time George was interviewed about a month later, in February, did George tell you about that interview?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: He didn't?

MS. MANGIANTE: I didn't know.

MR. SWALWELL: Do you know if George told anybody else about that interview?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know.

MR. SWALWELL: Do you know where the second interview took place?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I don't know.

(Pause.)

MR. SCHIFF: On April 27th there was an event at the Mayflower Hotel that was hosted by the Center for National Interest in Washington, D.C. Did your
husband ever tell you anything about that particular
event? That was one where President Trump delivered
his first foreign policy speech.

MS. MANGIANTE: 2016?

MR. SCHIFF: No -- yes, 2016.

MS. MANGIANTE: Mentioned about attending
this event and editing Trump's speech.

MR. SCHIFF: So he attended the event?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think he did. I think he
did.

MR. SCHIFF: Was that one of the times you
mentioned -- one of the few times that he may have met
Donald Trump?

MS. MANGIANTE: I am -- I think it is -- I
don't -- I mean I don't want to -- I think he did, but
I don't want to be -- I don't want to confuse an event
with another.

MR. SCHIFF: Yes. Was he involved at all?
Did he tell you whether he was involved at all in
drafting any part of the President's speech?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, he told me that he
edited Trump's speech.
MR. SCHIFF: That he edited the speech?

MS. MANGIANTE: Mm-hmm.

MR. SCHIFF: Anything else he told you about that particular event?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't remember, even if I am thinking about the same event. But I suppose it is the same, because it is a foreign, right? He gave his speech on foreign policy.

MR. SCHIFF: According to statement of the offense, on the day after your husband had the meeting with Mifsud, where he brought up the emails, your husband emailed a high-ranking official of the campaign to discuss Russia's interest in hosting Mr. Trump. And -- which he said that -- "Have some interesting messages coming in from Moscow. How about a trip when the time is right?"

Did your husband tell you about that email?

MS. MANGIANTE: I read this email, yes. He was trying to arrange a meeting with Putin. The purpose of this email was to arrange a meeting with Putin.

MR. SCHIFF: So at that point he still
believed that the professor had sufficient connections
to make that happen.

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know what he
believed. I don't know if he was trying to impress the
campaign, or he believed it, or he was hoping that he
had this connection. So I am not in his mind, I just
know what he was trying to do.

MR. SCHIFF: And do you know who the high-
ranking official of the campaign was that he was having
this communication with the day after that meeting with
the professor?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. I mean I --
maybe in the email? I don't know who he was -- I read
the email, it is public. But I don't know who it was
addressed to.

MR. SCHIFF: Do you know -- did your husband
tell you whether he received any feedback back from
that high-ranking campaign official?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, he didn't. He said
simply that he thought he was doing a great job. That
is what -- they thought it was really great job, yeah.

MR. SCHIFF: On April 30th your husband
emailed Mifsud and thanked him for what he described as critical help in arranging a meeting between campaign and Russian government officials. Did you discuss that at all with your husband?

MS. MANGIANTE: I didn't discuss this email, but must be in contradiction with what actually happened. I mean it is nothing. I don't know --

MR. SCHIFF: And you say that because the meeting didn't come about?

MS. MANGIANTE: Not -- yeah. It didn't -- yes. So it wasn't successful, and he didn't introduce to him real person, you know. Not -- I don't consider a Russian student and a Russian think tank important enough.

MR. SCHIFF: Well, Professor Mifsud did arrange for meetings with individuals from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, did he not?

MS. MANGIANTE: He did arrange a meeting with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs? No.

MR. SCHIFF: Not the minister, but people from the ministry.

MS. MANGIANTE: George told me he never met
any Russian officials. That is what he told me.

MR. SCHIFF: According to the statement of the offense, a Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs connection sent an email to your husband and Professor Mifsud that says, "I have just talked to my colleagues from the MFA. They are open for cooperation. One of the options is to make a meeting for you at the North America desk if you are in Moscow."

MS. MANGIANTE: Sorry, can you tell me again? Was this person somebody -- is an official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs?

MR. SCHIFF: According to the statement of the offense --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SCHIFF: -- your husband received an email from an MFA connection saying, "I have just talked to my colleagues from the MFA. They are open for cooperation. One of the options is to make a meeting for you at the North America desk if you are in Moscow."

Papadopoulos responded that he was glad that the MFA was interested.
Did you ever discuss this interchange with your husband?

MS. MANGIANTE: Not specifically. But he told me he was -- never met any Russian people. So I am just now -- okay.

So who is qualified as the Russian minister foreign affair connection?

MR. SCHIFF: Well, the pertinent thing is --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, because it is important.

MR. SCHIFF: -- did your husband --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, it is important, because it is a Russian official. Is this person from the think tank that is quoted, and -- in this -- as the Russian connection?

MR. SCHIFF: Yes, and part of the question is do you know the answer? Did your husband tell you who this MFA contact was?

MS. MANGIANTE: No. I mean I think this is the same -- sorry if I take my time because of the English.

MR. SCHIFF: No, please take your time.

MS. MANGIANTE: This is -- we are talking
about this document. Even the Mifsud is -- was his professor, right? I mean we don't have any name in this document --

MR. SCHIFF: Correct.

MS. MANGIANTE: -- in the statement of the offense.

So I have the reason to believe that this person -- as far as I know, George met Mifsud -- I mean was in touch to Mifsud only with this student, Russian niece, and this other person that I learned about from two -- a few -- two months ago, because he also released an interview saying that George was unprofessional.

We are talking about Ivan Timofeev, right?

MR. SCHIFF: Well, I am asking you --

MS. MANGIANTE: I am -- I think it is in the public record right now. That is why I am sharing with you the guess. Because this is not up to date.

MR. SCHIFF: Well, it is very important for us to know what your husband related to you, not what you have learned through reading public reports, or even --
MS. MANGIANTE: No, I --

MR. SCHIFF: -- the statement of the offense.

MS. MANGIANTE: Of course, I know. I am just saying that my understanding is that this person is Ivan Timofeev. And it is not a Russian official, he is a think tank person who said he had contacts that he failed to introduce to George. A lot of talking.

MR. SCHIFF: And Ivan --

MS. MANGIANTE: I think I --

MR. SCHIFF: -- Timofeev, what is his background?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know this person at all. I remember the first time his name came out -- came up to me was during my interview with the FBI in which they asked me if I knew this person. And at the time this name was absolutely black, obscure to me. That is when I asked George -- the FBI asked me about even Timofeev.

And then he told me after my interview with the FBI, he told me is the other person that Mifsud introduced him to, and he is a think tank, and he was in touch with him, trying to organize the meeting with
the Putin and -- so this person must be Ivan Timofeev.

MR. SCHIFF: Okay. And did your husband ever
tell you that he was in contact with someone named Ivan
Timofeev?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, never. Neither before --

I asked him, because the FBI brought up this name to
me, and I was curious to know, because they asked me,
"Have you ever met Ivan Timofeev? Do you know Ivan
Timofeev?"

I said no, and then I went -- I asked George
who is Ivan Timofeev, why the FBI was so much
interested to know if I know this person, and that is
when George told me who is this person.

MR. SCHIFF: So what did George tell you?

MS. MANGIANTE: He told me that it is think
tank -- how you say in English -- think tank, or --

MR. SCHIFF: Yes.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah.

MR. SCHIFF: So he -- George told you that
his knowledge of this guy was that he was affiliated
with a think tank?

MS. MANGIANTE: He is affiliated with a think
tank, and --

MR. SCHIFF: With a Russian think tank? What kind of a think tank?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think is a Russian national, as well. And it was the other person that Mifsud introduced, was working with Mifsud, as well. And this is the other contact that Mifsud introduced George to, in order to organize the meeting with Trump and Putin. But he was not technically an official Russian -- because he never met with a Russian official, so it is not technically Russian official.

MR. SCHIFF: No, some people work for the Russian government, work in undeclared positions.

MS. MANGIANTE: That is -- I don't know. He just told me --

MR. SCHIFF: All you can tell us is that, from what you gather from your husband, Mr. Timofeev put himself off as a academic at a think tank?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, saying that he could arrange a meeting, they could help arranging a meeting with Putin.

MR. SCHIFF: And again, you wouldn't be aware
precisely of who your husband was informing of the -- at the campaign of these overtures by Timofeev or Mifsud or others, in terms of a Russian meeting?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know, because, as I said, the first time I ever heard about Timofeev it was on October, during my interview with the FBI. And then George told me, oh, no, it is somebody that Mifsud introduced me to, working as an academic for a think tank, working with Mifsud, and having access to contact important enough to arrange a meeting.

MR. SCHIFF: Your husband appears to have forwarded some of the information he receives from Timofeev to Paul Manafort. Do you know what George's relationship was with Paul Manafort during the campaign?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. I don't think they knew -- I think they probably called on the phone. I asked him if he ever met Manafort. I think -- I seem to recall he never met with -- personally.

MR. SCHIFF: Did he discuss with you at all keeping Manafort in the loop about his discussions
with --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, that --

MR. SCHIFF: -- Timofeev or Mifsud?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't think so. I don't know. Let's say I don't know. It is better, because I don't think so sounds my opinion. I don't know.

MR. SCHIFF: You mentioned earlier that one of the reasons that you went public is you were -- you didn't describe it as upset, but you were not pleased that the campaign was representing your husband as a coffee boy.

MS. MANGIANTE: I was -- that -- defending more than my husband. The -- at the time I was contacted by all the American media and they -- for a long time before I went on Stephanopoulos the first time, invitation. But then, when I saw that they were saying he was a low-level volunteer doing nothing, it was not about his reputation, it was just contradicting what I knew about his contribution that was completely different.

MR. SCHIFF: It is just that what they were saying wasn't true?
MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, and that is when I remember I was being -- Pamela Brown, they told me, "So what did you think about George being qualified as a low-level volunteer?"

I said, "I think it is not true." I was talking over the phone, based on some exchange with higher-level officials and other information I had about his contribution to the campaign.

And they said, "Would you like to come and simply tell that?" And then I accept the invitation. That was the purpose of my own TV appearance.

MR. SCHIFF: And part of the reason why you knew that wasn't the case, that he was a low-level coffee boy, was that he had informed you that, in fact, he was in communication with people like Mike Flynn and Paul Manafort --

MR. SCHIFF: Exactly, Steve Bannon, yes.

MR. SCHIFF: -- and Steve Bannon, and people who were --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SCHIFF: -- top of the campaign.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.
MR. SCHIFF: And I want to get into it a little later on about his work -- arranged meetings with foreign leaders like el-Sisi.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes. And they also used the interview to -- facts to Russian media. Why would a low-level be approved to release the only interview to the Russian media? I mean that is completely -- it was completely false.

MR. SCHIFF: Just to finish up on this, in court filings Mr. Timofeev has been described as connected to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but you are not aware of what that connection would be?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I don't.

MR. SCHIFF: The email that your husband sent to Paul Manafort about these arrangements to -- a high-level meeting --

MS. MANGIANTE: Which email? If I can ask --

MR. SCHIFF: Yes, of course.

(Pause.)

MS. MANGIANTE: So this is from Paul Manafort to Rick Gates. George wasn't copied on these emails?

No.
Well, they start --

Okay, so this is --

So this email from Ivan Timofeev dated May 4th saying, "Dear George, I just talked to my colleagues in MFA. They are open for cooperation. One of the options is to make a meeting for you at the North America desk if you are at Moscow. They reinforced my initial idea about a letter where you could fix the idea of Mr. Trump's visit, a range of persons he would like to meet, and the time he would like to do it. Such a letter could be signed by Mr. Trump himself" --

Yeah.

"or by yourself, as his advisor."

Mm-hmm.

This is, I think, forwarded by your husband to Paul Manafort.

Okay. I see now.

And then it is sent by Manafort to Gates. And in the discussion between Manafort and Gates, it looks like Manafort says, "We need someone to
communicate that DT" -- Donald Trump -- "is not doing
his trips. It should be someone low-level in the
campaign, so as not to send any signal."

Did your husband --

(Witness examined the document.)

MR. SCHIFF: So --

MS. MANGIANTE: Okay, I have no idea.

MR. SCHIFF: Is this exchange of emails
anything you --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, just --

MR. SCHIFF: -- discussed with your husband?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, George never discussed
those emails with me.

MR. SCHIFF: All right.

MS. MANGIANTE: Probably -- yeah. Probably
the only one I have knowledge of is this one from Ivan
recently. I was reading this email very recently, just
saying -- you see it is just trying to organize a
meeting with Putin again. I mean, like, this is
evidence.

MR. SCHIFF: All right. I am going to pass
that to you. And we may be able to finish before
votes, or we may not.

I am going to use the restroom again, I will be right back.

MR. SWALWELL: Ms. Mangiante, other than the Russian individuals we have discussed, to your knowledge was George interacting with anyone we haven't discussed, any Russians that haven't been covered yet in our conversation?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know.

MR. SWALWELL: Did he have any prior relationships with any Russians --

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know.

MR. SWALWELL: -- that we haven't discussed?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know.

MR. SWALWELL: Has he talked to you about any Russians that he has worked with?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't recall him talking about it.

MR. SWALWELL: Did George go to the Republican National Convention?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think he did. When was it?

MR. SWALWELL: It was in July 2016.
MS. MANGIANTE: I didn't know at the time, but I think he did, no? I don't -- I mean I don't recall --

MR. SWALWELL: Has he talked about attending?

MS. MANGIANTE: I realize right now we talked about so many things that sometimes I have difficulties to answer to specific questions.

MR. SWALWELL: So just closing up on this MFA exchanges, in May 2016 the professor told George that he had an update on their recent conversations, and he "will continue to liaise through you with the Russian counterparts in terms of what is needed for a high-level meeting of Mr. Trump with the Russia Federation."

George then emailed back and stated that the Russian -- he emailed a high-ranking campaign official and said, "The Russian government has relayed to me they are interested in hosting Mr. Trump."

Is that something George had discussed with you?

MS. MANGIANTE: Sorry, can I ask you to repeat it again? I am a bit tired.

MR. SWALWELL: Sure. No, it is okay. So
this is May 13 and 14. Again, it is just more follow-up between the professor and George. And the George -- and the professor is telling George that "We will continue to liaise through you with the Russian counterparts in terms of what is needed for a high-level meeting of Mr. Trump with the Russian Federation."

Did George ever talk to you about this exchange?

MS. MANGIANTE: Specifically? I don't remember.

MR. SWALWELL: And then George continues to stay in touch with a "high-ranking campaign official," and on May 21st, 2016 says that -- "Request from Russia to meet Mr. Trump." That is the subject line.

And George said -- and added the May 4th MFA email that said Russia has been eager to meet Mr. Trump for quite some time, "and has been reaching out to me to discuss it." Are you familiar with that?

MS. MANGIANTE: Mm-hmm.

(Witness examined the document.)

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah, mm-hmm.
MR. SWALWELL: George discussed that with you, his continued work to make that arrangement?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, he mentioned -- I mean I don't remember with specific emails. I have been reading many of them. And yes, he was telling me that he was actually trying to do that. It was insisting, insisting.

MR. SWALWELL: And according to the state of the offense, from mid-June through mid-August 2016 George pursued an off-the-record meeting between one or more campaign representatives and members of President Putin's office. Do you know --

MS. MANGIANTE: Can I see where --

MR. SWALWELL: Yes, so that is page 9, paragraph 21.

MS. MANGIANTE: Okay, so it is --

(Witness examined the document.)

MS. MANGIANTE: Members of President Putin's office.

MR. SWALWELL: And the MFA.

MS. MANGIANTE: And off the record, okay. I think I am tired of --
MR. SWALWELL: Do you know what off the record means?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, yes, of course.

MR. SWALWELL: And what do you think the purpose was of holding an off-the-record meeting? Or what did George mean by that?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think he wanted to make sure he could arrange a meeting before making it official.

MR. SWALWELL: Do you know if that meeting ever took place?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know.

MR. SWALWELL: On June 19, 2016, after several emails, Skype exchanges with the MFA connect, George emailed the high-ranking campaign official --

MS. MANGIANTE: Sorry, I prefer to read it too, if you tell me where you are reading.

MR. SWALWELL: Sure. Well, I am mostly referring to continued discussions that George had in June 2016.

When did George tell you that he was having Skype conversations with the MFA? When did you first
learn of that?

MS. MANGIANTE: As I said, after my interview with the FBI I asked George who is Ivan Timofeev, and then he explained me who is this person, and then he told me the nature of the -- this person. And I said, "Did you ever meet with him?" And I recall him telling me that he was mostly having this Skype conversation.

MR. SWALWELL: Do you know if George ever took any trips to Russia during the campaign?

MS. MANGIANTE: Never.

MR. SWALWELL: Has George ever been to Russia?

MS. MANGIANTE: Never.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ask him?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: According to the statement of the offense -- so, again, page 9, paragraph 21 -- after several weeks of communications about this off-the-record meeting, on August 15, 2016 the campaign supervisor told George, "I would encourage you and other foreign policy advisors to make the trip if it is feasible."
Did George ever talk about directions that he received from the campaign to make the trip?

MS. MANGIANTE: Not specifically, but he told me they were happy about his work.

MR. SWALWELL: Do you know if any plane tickets were bought, or --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I think --

MR. SWALWELL: -- travel itineraries were worked up?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know, but I -- he never went to Russia. So that --

MR. SWALWELL: Do you know if he ever went anywhere else to meet Russians?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I don't know. But I think he didn't, because he has always told me, "I didn't meet any Russian official, I don't have anything to do with Russia." That is what he tells me all the time.

MR. SWALWELL: How did George feel when Donald Trump tweeted on October 31st last year that "few people knew the young, low-level volunteer named George, who has already proven to be a liar"? What did
George think when he --

MS. MANGIANTE: I think that Trump has misunderstood his role, and he feels like he is doing everything in his capacity to help his country, and he also feels as a victim, being a victim of -- so more than --

MR. SWALWELL: Did George have any thoughts on why people at the White House and from the campaign were trying to minimize his role? You know, one person, as you referenced earlier, called him a coffee boy.

MS. MANGIANTE: He -- as I said, he thought it was based on misunderstanding of the situation and the -- recently this same person apologized. So it was -- I think it was -- again, he was not a coffee boy.

MR. SWALWELL: And you mentioned Hope Hicks briefly earlier. Did Ms. Hicks ever tell George to stand down or not continue communications that he was having with the press on behalf of the campaign?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know.

(Pause.)

MR. SWALWELL: One witness has informed us
that, in September 2016, George and Steve Bannon were engaged directly with Egyptian officials to organize candidate Trump's meeting with Egyptian President Sisi, which eventually took place on September 19th, 2016.

According to one witness, Bannon and Papadopoulos met in Washington with Egyptian officials to work out meeting details. You mentioned in your own statement last December that George set up Donald Trump's meeting with Egypt's President Sisi.

What is your understanding about George's role in that meeting, and arranging it?

MS. MANGIANTE: It was coordinating the meeting -- coordinated all the -- everything to make the meeting possible. I think he had contacts in Egyptian embassy and that through those contacts he tried to set up a meeting and he succeeded.

I don't know much more details about who are the people involved, but I know it was -- had quite interesting expertise in this area, and he had many -- he has many contacts in the Middle East.

MR. SWALWELL: Did George mention that he worked with Steve Bannon on this meeting?
MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: Who else did George mention he has worked with to set up this meeting?

MS. MANGIANTE: I remember only Steve Bannon. There must be also other people.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you see any evidence --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: -- that George had worked with Steve Bannon --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes. I have seen --

MR. SWALWELL: What did you see?

MS. MANGIANTE: -- emails, some exchange via email, in which he is talking about arranging this meeting. Because before saying these things on TV I said, "Show me the email."

MR. SWALWELL: Did Steve Bannon and George talk after George was arrested?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay.

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, he didn't have a -- after
his arrest -- he doesn't have any -- basically, after
his arrest, and probably before, he didn't have any
contact --

MR. SWALWELL: What did you read in those
emails between Steve and George?

MS. MANGIANTE: Really random emails, like
George saying, "I have -- I can arrange a meeting if
President Trump is interested. I put in touch with
this person from the embassy," something like that.
"Let's put it forward." "Really?" Or, you know, short
emails.

MR. SWALWELL: Did George go to the meeting
that candidate Trump had with President Sisi?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know.

MR. SWALWELL: We also heard that George was
involved in a Get Out the Vote effort during the final
weeks of the Trump campaign, mobilizing the orthodox --

MS. MANGIANTE: Get out?

MR. SWALWELL: Mobilizing voters, getting
them to the polls, focused on mobilizing orthodox
Christian constituencies. Is that true?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. But it might
be true, I don't know.

MR. SWALWELL: Has George ever talked about it?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: What was the contact that you saw between George and General Flynn?

MS. MANGIANTE: Again, random emails of updating about work, you know, like work emails, exchange -- not specific content of the specific --

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever --

MS. MANGIANTE: I just say correspondence between the two of them.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you -- before George was arrested in July 2016, did you ever observe George talk on the phone with General Flynn?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: How about talk on the phone with Steve Bannon?

MS. MANGIANTE: Sorry. I met George for the first time on April 2017.

MR. SWALWELL: April 2017?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.
MR. SWALWELL: So he hadn't been arrested yet.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah, no.

MR. SWALWELL: So from the time that you met him on April --

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't recall -- I never pay attention who he was talking to on the phone.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you ever see him talk to any administration officials?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I never see him talking to any administration official.

MR. SWALWELL: Did he ever talk to you about access he had to administration officials?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: Did George have a relationship with Jared Kushner?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. I don't think -- I don't know, but I don't think much, no. I don't think so. I don't know if he ever met with him, but I don't know.

MR. SWALWELL: How about Stephen Miller?

MS. MANGIANTE: Who?
MR. SWALWELL:  Stephen Miller.

MS. MANGIANTE:  I don't know even --

MR. SWALWELL:  In October 2016, George appeared to still be representing the campaign, and in a news story at news.com it reports the Polish media are commenting today on the interview that George Papadopoulos, Trump campaign advisor, gave to the Russian Interfax News Agency on September 30th, 2016.

Do you know anything about that interview?

MS. MANGIANTE:  Yes.

MR. SWALWELL:  What do you know?

MS. MANGIANTE:  I read the article.

MR. SWALWELL:  What did -- how did George get in touch with Interfax?

MS. MANGIANTE:  I don't know. But I know that Bryan Lanza is the person who authorized this interview.

MR. SWALWELL:  Bryan Lanza of the campaign --

MS. MANGIANTE:  Yes.

MR. SWALWELL:  -- communications team?

When did George's work with the campaign end?

MS. MANGIANTE:  I don't know. I really -- I
don't know these details.

MR. SWALWELL: Has George ever been to Trump Tower?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think so.

MR. SWALWELL: Do you know when that occurred?

MS. MANGIANTE: Sorry?

MR. SWALWELL: Do you know when that occurred?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know if you want an official position. Technically, we have been together also, on occasion of my first trip to New York. But that was not -- it was probably for a coffee, so --

MR. SWALWELL: Was it with someone on the --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, no.

MR. SWALWELL: -- Trump family campaign?

MS. MANGIANTE: Me and him. No, no, no. Me and him.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. You and George went to Trump Tower for coffee?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SWALWELL: When was that?
MS. MANGIANTE: April 2017, when I went to
New York for a trip. So I definitely know he has been
to Trump Tower, but I don't know which other context,
other than this.

MR. SWALWELL: Did you meet with anyone else,
or was it just the two of you?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, me and George.

MR. SWALWELL: Have -- other than that time
going to Trump Tower, have you ever been to Trump
Tower?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, before.

MR. SWALWELL: For what purpose?

MS. MANGIANTE: When I was living in New
York.

MR. SWALWELL: Okay. And why did you go to
Trump Tower?

MS. MANGIANTE: Starbucks.

MR. SWALWELL: Oh. But did you ever meet
with anyone --

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: Has George ever been to the
White House?
MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know.

MR. SWALWELL: Has he ever talked about going to the White House?

MS. MANGIANTE: I know he wanted to work for the White House. That is all I know.

MR. SWALWELL: Have you ever been to the White House?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think, yes, I have been to the White House when I was in Washington with my internship with Mayer Brown. Yes, I have been -- 2007.

MR. SWALWELL: Has George ever -- has anyone affiliated with the President talked to George or his lawyer or anyone in George's family about a pardon for George?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I am only -- the only one who asked for a pardon for George out of nothing. Even his lawyer didn't file any formal request for a pardon.

MR. SWALWELL: Who have you asked?

MS. MANGIANTE: Sorry?

MR. SWALWELL: Who have you asked?

MS. MANGIANTE: Trump, via CNN and FOX News.

MR. SWALWELL: Have you ever talked to anyone
directly in the campaign --

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: -- about a pardon?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: Has anyone reached out to you?

MS. MANGIANTE: Nobody.

MR. SWALWELL: Has anyone reached out to your lawyer?

MS. MANGIANTE: Nobody.

MR. SWALWELL: Has anyone reached out to anyone you know, a family member or a friend, about a pardon for George?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SWALWELL: Do you believe anyone has ever -- let me --

MS. MANGIANTE: The only people reaching out to me are journalists to ask me about the reason why I did ask, but nobody from the White House, no one.

MR. SWALWELL: What role did George want with the White House?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. I think a function, or --
MR. SWALWELL: A what?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. Maybe a function. I don't know which role he wanted. His expectation was to work at the White House.

MR. SCHIFF: We are close to the end you will be happy to know. We appreciate your long day with us. I am going to ask you about some people, whether you know them or not.

Do you know Sergei Millian?

MS. MANGIANTE: I heard about him a lot.

MR. SCHIFF: Did you hear about him from George, or --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SCHIFF: And what did George tell you about Sergei Millian?

MS. MANGIANTE: So this is -- George always referred to Sergei Millian -- I remember when we met, when we were in Europe, it was always telling Sergei Millian was a friend that was very interesting, very nice, but he was thinking that he was acting weird. I mean I remember that he talked at some point that he was an agent from the FBI. He thought he
was trying to set him up because he made him crazy job offer, so he was guessing is that a shady businessman, or is informant or trying to set me up, involve me with some financial crime.

MR. SCHIFF: And when did he think that Sergei was trying to engage him in some financial crime?

MS. MANGIANTE: Because he came to -- Sergei, I know, went to see George in Chicago. They had a meeting in the Trump Tower. I don't know -- maybe in the Trump Tower or somewhere else.

And he offered him to work together as consultants, but for an incredible amount of money to set up an office in New York. And he said that this would require him to be working at the same time for Trump.

MR. SCHIFF: Now, has he known Millian for years? Or how long has he known Millian?

MS. MANGIANTE: He told me that Millian reached out to him after he joined the campaign.

MR. SCHIFF: And was Millian working on the campaign, or how did they come into contact with each
other?

MS. MANGIANTE: He had reached out to George, saying -- I don't know what he was doing. Apparently he is a real estate agent. He was taking care of the Trump business in -- the Trump Tower's business. And he started to -- it was very friendly with George.

He said he was inviting me to house, dinner, drinks everywhere, until he made me this job proposal which was completely unlikely. It was too good to be true and, of course, would engage me in --

MR. SCHIFF: So Millian was working for Trump when he met your husband.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SCHIFF: And --

MS. MANGIANTE: I think so.

MR. SCHIFF: He was working --

MS. MANGIANTE: I think so.

MR. SCHIFF: -- for the Trump organization, though, not the Trump campaign?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah, I don't know. This is a detail I can't tell, because it is so much information in my head right now. I don't --
MR. SCHIFF: But your impression, from discussing this with your husband, is --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah, he was working with Trump organization, probably --

MR. SCHIFF: On a business side.

MS. MANGIANTE: Or on the -- I mean I don't know if his corporation with -- from the business side led him to work on the campaign, as well. I don't know. I don't know if it is the connection to Trump, or it is only interaction with Trump.

MR. SCHIFF: But they met while George was working on the campaign.

MS. MANGIANTE: Sergei Millian reached out to George after George joined the campaign.

MR. SCHIFF: And Millian was working in some other capacity for the Trump organization, campaign, or business?

MS. MANGIANTE: George was -- what drew my attention to -- was the fact that he had the feeling that Sergei was recording him during this meeting at Trump Tower, while he was making -- trying to involve him in a financial crime.
George told me he has been involved in many situations this nature. One of them, I witness it myself when we were on holiday in Europe.

MR. SCHIFF: And what kind of financial crimes does he try to involve your husband in?

MS. MANGIANTE: Well, you -- I guess you are not allowed to have private money and the public job at the same time. And mostly making business out of your lobby to -- your network you are developing with Trump campaign.

MR. SCHIFF: Well, was this after Trump got elected, or before that he was pursuing this business --

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. Maybe it was in transition or before. I don't know. But definitely something that was highly suspicious for George to refuse.

MR. SCHIFF: So the business proposition came about while you were dating?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, we were not, but he told me about it. When he -- this guy is very friendly, I don't know if he is a friend, or if he is an informant,
I don't know what it is, or he is a spy. I don't have any idea who he is, because -- and I ask him why, why you say that, and he mentioned this episode of this dinner, lunch in Chicago, where he flew from I don't know where, New York to Chicago to see him and to make this proposal.

MR. SCHIFF: But you don't know any more about this proposal than it seemed like kind of a shady financial transaction?

MS. MANGIANTE: Could be. Could be a financial transaction. But then why he was under the impression that it was recorded?

MR. SCHIFF: And what do you know of Millian's background? What did George tell you about --

MS. MANGIANTE: A journalist --

MR. SCHIFF: -- where he was from, or --

MS. MANGIANTE: A journalist told me that is not even his real name, Millian.

MR. SCHIFF: What did George tell you, though, about where he was from?

MS. MANGIANTE: George doesn't -- George
thinks he is an American Russian, but he says he is an American.

MR. SCHIFF: And did the shady business deal involve Russia at all?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't think -- I don't know. I don't know which was the proposal, honestly. Consultancy? I don't know which was --

MR. SCHIFF: There have been some public reports about your husband having some involvement with Israeli nationals. Is that different -- a different allegation, or is that related to Millian, as well?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, it is different.

MR. SCHIFF: What is that --

MS. MANGIANTE: It is a --

MR. SCHIFF: What does that involve?

MS. MANGIANTE: This -- I witnessed myself Israeli national who came to -- through to Mykonos while we were on holiday over there, and to discuss business with George.

And this person, I remember, was myself highly suspicious because this person would invite both of us to Tel Aviv and Cyprus to formalize the details
of this proposal. But I didn't go, I flew back to London, and George accepted his invitation. And this person kept talking about setting up a consultancy business, like consultants --

MR. SCHIFF: And is this after the campaign, or is --

MS. MANGIANTE: This is after. This is summer 2017.

MR. SCHIFF: Summer --

MS. MANGIANTE: So we were talking about June 2017. Before -- right before George's arrest Washington -- so that is a particular situation, because this person handed $10,000 cash to George in a room in Tel Aviv, I think, or -- yes, in Tel Aviv. And I remember I was on the phone. I said it is weird. And he said, "Yeah, you are right."

So I give back -- he gave this money to his lawyer in Greece, and then he wrote an email to this person to return this money, to ask to return this money. Now --

MR. SCHIFF: And what did this person want him to do for the money?
MS. MANGIANTE: The idea was -- first of all, this person never wanted the money back. Why? I mean if there is a shady businessman, why the -- the business deal don't go through, why would I not accept the money back?

MR. SCHIFF: Yes.

MS. MANGIANTE: The idea is mostly that it was probably a set-up again. When -- I don't know, it is -- George has been treated by the FBI to be accused as possibly being an Israeli agent himself. This happened right before he flew to United States, which, if he was flying with this cash, where his cash coming from --

MR. SCHIFF: This happened --

MS. MANGIANTE: June 2017.

MR. SCHIFF: So this is well after he has been interviewed by the FBI. And is this before or after he is arrested?

MS. MANGIANTE: Before, right before.

MR. SCHIFF: And do you know anything about -- more about this Israeli, or what the business deal was, or what the consultancy was supposed to be about?
MS. MANGIANTE: That is what was completely unclear.

MR. SCHIFF: What did George tell you about what the business was supposed to --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, he didn't understand, either. He said it was very vague about consultancy lobby, you know, this kind of business. And so that is why also he refused.

And that is -- but I think the main reason is that this person, if you -- appears to be also part of intelligence. I mean linked -- had problems with intelligence. I mean problems -- he was involved -- my English is becoming very bad, I am sorry, I am tired.

But this person -- we have to think about George being -- coming back to the United States. He was arrest at the airport in Washington with a charge of lying to the FBI on January -- when he had this interview. His idea was were they trying to find a reason to arrest me?

MR. SCHIFF: Does he -- does George suspect that he -- this person worked for Israeli intelligence? Or you just have no idea?
MS. MANGIANTE: Yes. We suspect he was working for Israeli intelligence. Why he would not take the money back if he was simply shady businessman? This is my guess and his guess.

MR. SCHIFF: Did you ever discuss with your husband the meeting at Trump Tower that Don, Jr., Jared Kushner, Paul Manafort took with the Russian delegation?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I never discussed it.

MR. SCHIFF: Did you ever discuss with your husband the emails that became public to Don, Jr. offering dirt on Hillary Clinton as part of what was described as the Russian Government effort to help the Trump campaign? Did you ever discuss those emails, those -- or emails designed to set up the meeting in Trump Tower? Do you know the ones I am referring to?

MS. MANGIANTE: No.

MR. SCHIFF: Prior to the June 9th meeting at Trump Tower --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

MR. SCHIFF: -- this is 2016 -- Emin Agalarov emails Don, Jr. requesting a meeting at Trump Tower,
offering dirt on Hillary Clinton on part of what he describes as a Russian Government effort to help the Trump campaign. That sounds, obviously, a lot like what Professor Mifsud was talking about, dirt on Hillary Clinton.

Did you ever discuss that June overture by the Russians to the Trump campaign with your husband?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think we were just commenting that he doesn't know what happened to the other ones, you know, he just knows what happened to him. He doesn't know much about it at all. Because it was --

MR. SCHIFF: But when it became public, and it was a big deal, obviously --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah, yeah, I know --

MR. SCHIFF: -- when it became public that, hey, there was this Trump Tower meeting, and here are these emails, and the President's son is falsely claiming it is about adoptions, and -- so when that became public, do you know what your husband's reaction was? Did he say, "Well, maybe that is what Professor Mifsud was talking about"?
MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah, it was -- basically, we were commenting that it didn't show to him an email. You know? Maybe. I don't know if -- maybe -- I don't know. Mifsud was not the same person. I mean we are -- I think we are talking about other people offering emails in this second case.

MR. SCHIFF: Well, I am just interested in what your husband's reaction was when it became public.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah, it was -- I think it was just commenting that Mifsud had never shown him any emails or -- it was not such a, you know -- I can't --

MR. SCHIFF: Did he have any reaction, though, to the revelation of the Trump Tower meeting?

MS. MANGIANTE: George is trying to -- as I said, also, he thinks his cooperation is a little piece in a puzzle, and we are all waiting to know what has happened. And his personal experience doesn't necessarily -- he doesn't feel it is reflected, and other people just observing as an external -- with an external eye, as well, sometimes, because just -- it is really --

MR. SWALWELL: Is George still cooperating
with the FBI and Department of Justice?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, now it is over, because he has been -- set the date for sentencing. So cooperation is over.

MR. SWALWELL: But, I mean, is he -- when he is sentenced, will he be sentenced as someone who was cooperative, or did he break off the cooperation agreement?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, no, he did cooperate.

MR. SCHIFF: Have you had any contact with the majority on our committee? We invited them to participate, but --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, I know. I was at the beginning represented by pro bono attorney who let me down because I took the initiative to contact you directly. And I -- on his own initiative, invited the majority.

I have been in touch with the lawyer, a lawyer from the majority committee, who told me that it was a volunteer, that I didn't have to go if I didn't want to, and that for the Republicans the investigation is over, so there is no reason why they should talk to
MR. SWALWELL: Who was that?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't remember the name.

MR. SWALWELL: If I tell you the name, would you --

MS. MANGIANTE: The lawyer of the -- he said he --

MR. SWALWELL: Was it Kash Patel?

MS. MANGIANTE: Possibly. I can't remember the name. Again, maybe I have his number. I just recently called.

MR. SCHIFF: Well, we want to thank you for coming in. We appreciate your answering all of our questions.

Yes. If I could, we have a vote, so we are going to go vote. I am going to leave you with my wonderful staff. We have a few remaining questions, but we shouldn't be keeping you that much longer.

And you are free to discuss your testimony as you like. And we appreciate the participation and your cooperation with us, as well as your husband's cooperation with the special counsel.
MS. MANGIANTE: I hope it was helpful.
MR. SCHIFF: So we thank you.
MS. MANGIANTE: Thank you very much. It was a pleasure meeting you.

Feel free to eat. I had to eat something.

(A brief recess was taken.)

We can go back on the record. As you know, I am ______. This is my colleague, ______.

Nice to meet you.

Do you recall who your husband communicated with during the transition?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't.

And during the transition did he expect -- was still hoping to work for the Trump Administration?

MS. MANGIANTE: Mm-hmm. Sorry.

Was your husband hoping to work in the Trump Administration?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah, he was. He was.

Do you recall if he was in
communications with officials in the transition team about employment?

        MS. MANGIANTE: I don't remember.

        : Do you know if your husband participated in any travel during the transition?

        MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. I really didn't even know him. I mean I knew him, yes. I knew him.

        : According to public reports, your husband met with the Greek defense minister.

        MS. MANGIANTE: Mm-hmm.

        : Around the time of the inauguration. Do you -- has George mentioned that to you?

        MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

        : What did he mention about that meeting?

        MS. MANGIANTE: It was in Athens. It was in Athens.

        : Yes.

        MS. MANGIANTE: Just told me that. So it was just him mentioning the political personality of his
country he met with -- he mentioned this person, as well. But he didn't tell me anything specific about the meeting.

__MS. MANGIANTE__: Okay. The public reporting indicated that Steve Bannon and Reince Priebus, among others, attended, as well. Did your husband mention that?

__MS. MANGIANTE__: No, not to me. Or maybe he did. I don't remember.

__MS. MANGIANTE__: The Greek defense ministry, on the website, on Inauguration Day, posted information about the staff of the new President. And among the names listed is your husband. Do you recall seeing that, that press reporting?

__MS. MANGIANTE__: No, it was January 2017. I was not following that closely.

__MS. MANGIANTE__: Yes. At that time in January was Mr. Papadopoulos still hoping to work with the administration?

__MS. MANGIANTE__: I did not really know him at the time.

__MS. MANGIANTE__: Right.
Yes. Are you aware of your husband's travel abroad during the election? Has he spoken to you about his travel to, for example, Israel, as well --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

-- as travel to Greece?

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

Is it your understanding that he did so in his capacity as a Trump campaign foreign policy advisor?

MS. MANGIANTE: I -- yeah. I think he was attending the big -- he mentioned this big LNG conference in Israel I think he was attending as a Trump campaign advisor.

His meetings in Israel in March of 2016 --

MS. MANGIANTE: Exactly, that is what I was referring to.

Okay. Do you know whether he provided written or oral read-outs of his travels abroad and his meetings during his travels back to the campaign?
MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. But I know it was approved, everything he did.

[Redacted]: Everything he did was approved?

MS. MANGIANTE: That is what he told me.

[Redacted]: That is what he told you. The --

MS. MANGIANTE: He was not acting like a freelancer, no.

[Redacted]: Just quickly on the presidential transition period. You mentioned that you were not certain who he communicated with.

By chance did he mention whether or not he communicated with -- and these are people that he communicated with before the election -- General Michael Flynn? Do you know whether he mentioned that he had been in touch with Michael Flynn --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes.

[Redacted]: -- during the transition?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think he -- yes, I think he did.

[Redacted]: He did?

MS. MANGIANTE: He mentioned he did.

[Redacted]: Do you know --
MS. MANGIANTE: I recall -- my memory --

[<<]: Right.

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't -- if I am wrong -- but I recall he told me he was in touch with Michael Flynn during the transition.

[<<]: During the transition. Do you know about what?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't.

[<<]: You don't. Steve Bannon?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know. I mean I know that he was in touch with Michael Flynn. Now I can't remember exactly if it was during the transition or -- Michael Flynn I seem to remember it only was in touch during the transition with him.

[<<]: Okay --

[<<]: And Michael Flynn, during the transition, was named as President Trump's National Security Advisor. Was Mr. Papadopoulos hoping to work on the national security team?

MS. MANGIANTE: Okay. I don't know. I thought you were telling me. Unfortunately, I don't have such details on the whole -- work, I mean. I know
it general.

And then these are just a few more questions following up on statements made during the -- during your interview.

Do you remember the name of the Israeli businessman or national -- who approached Mr. Papadopoulos?

MS. MANGIANTE: Mm-hmm. I remember Charles something.

You don't have a full name?

I --

You were talking about the June 2017 --

Yes, that is right.

I have the full name, yes. I am a bit scared to give it to you.

We can arrange for the name to be provided separately to us.

Can I give you --

Outside of the --

Exactly. Can I give you off the record?
Off the record, sure.

MS. MANGIANTE: I want to give you off the record.

Okay. So let's -- we will do that right after the end of this interview.

Did George ever mention the name Dmitri Simes to you?

MS. MANGIANTE: No. Who is -- this is like the FBI interview.

He is involved in the Council for the National Interest, the organization that hosted the first foreign policy speech that the members asked you about.

Finally, you mentioned at one point in the interview that when George Papadopoulos learned that Mifsud was affiliated with --

MS. MANGIANTE: Sorry, excuse me.

(The interview was interrupted.)

Sure, I will repeat it.

So the question was in the course of the interview at one point you mentioned when George learned that Mifsud was affiliated with, and then you
didn't finish the sentence. If you recall that sentence, do you remember what you were trying to say?

MS. MANGIANTE: Western intelligence.

And when you say that, is that because of the self-published book by Mr. Roh?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, not only, just based on the book about his connection to the Link Campus, so the Italian Government I know -- so to his own -- I mean it -- his own statements about his -- being member of the Clinton Foundation, it would make much -- no sense him to be Russian agent trying to sell dirt on Hillary Clinton unless his -- I don't know.

Actually, to be honest with you, I am just sharing with you my perception.

Of course.

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't think my statements are -- can be taken as an absolute, you know, truth, absolutely not. That definitely -- I know it is a lot of ties with the --

Right. Although it appears also from the factual information that has emerged and the statement of information that relates to your husband,
and information subsequent to that, that Mr. Mifsud obviously also had connections to Russian individuals.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes. But my guess now is that he was pretending to really have important -- why he could not introduce to George any substantial Russian national official, why introduce to a student and a think tank young boy --

[person]: And this is -- to clarify --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, that is -- I mean I know why we are -- the statement of offense, we have an impression, we had the impression that things are sometimes much bigger than they are when we see the -- behind the -- these quotes about these people. Who is the person, you know?

[person]: Right. So just to clarify that statement, part of this impression is the result of the fact that, despite these contacts, despite these emails, the meetings that were being sought with the Russian leadership ultimately never came about?

MS. MANGIANTE: Not only -- even when he was talking about emails, he never showed that email. He never -- I mean he was -- that is why I used this term,
gossip, because it was talking.

Now I understand this information was not public yet at the time, so it must -- might have some sort of source. But still, he didn't -- whatever his intention -- but today I am still unclear to me. They never materialized in anything, in any action in my -- that can be likely to cause any sort of collusion, at least on George's side. As I said, I don't know what other people did.

MS. MANGIANTE: You mentioned earlier that Mr. Mifsud told you that he was connected to the Clinton Foundation.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, I -- not to me, personally. We were, as I said, in a room with other people from the Socialist group. And he said he was connected with Clinton Foundation.

MS. MANGIANTE: I just want to clarify. You heard directly --

MS. MANGIANTE: Yes, I heard it.

MS. MANGIANTE: -- from him.

MS. MANGIANTE: I heard it.

MS. MANGIANTE: Okay. Did you convey that
information during your interview with the FBI?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't recall. I don't think they asked me.

[Speaker]: Did you tell them that?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I don't think I did.

First of all, I started to refresh my memory about this character after the interview with the FBI, you know? And I started to contact Pittella, and they say, "Oh, we remember he was telling this," you know. Other people, that is how it works. I mean --

[Speaker]: Sure.

MS. MANGIANTE: -- it is -- this person had no importance for me until the moment his name came up with the FBI.

I mean I thought it was a shady person that is not transparent in any way, but I was not -- I didn't have, you know, a red flag on him. I was very surprised to know that it could be such an important player in this -- in America.

[Speaker]: When did you remember that he had told you this about the Clinton Foundation?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't recall. I recall to
-- I heard this information sometimes in the past, I don't know, through somebody else, like -- technically, the last time I heard it is when he, on the press, Italian Republic, said Clinton -- it was for Clinton. He would say it was for Clinton.

MS. MANGIANTE: Oh, so you heard Mr. Mifsud say to the press --

MS. MANGIANTE: No, no, no. There are two different contexts.

So in one context I remember to hear Mifsud saying that he was affiliated to the Clintons' foundation. But it was probably during one of the events that took place at European Parliament. I can't recall exactly the date in which he said that, you know. It is really difficult for me now. It is not a database, my brain.

But is -- I remember also that in the interview that he granted to La Republica, when they said why you were offering Papadopoulos those emails, he himself said, "I am Clintoniano, I am affiliated to Clinton. Why would I do that?"

Maybe I should find those articles for you.
MS. MANGIANTE: Oh, it is okay. I just wondered if -- have you gone back to the FBI with additional information that you have recalled?

MS. MANGIANTE: No, I didn't. But they have my -- I mean I always been quite open to tell them. And I think they knew, because -- I think they knew at the time.

The FBI didn't -- I don't remember the context of the interview, but I just answered what they asked me, so --

MS. MANGIANTE: I think just on a final note, part of the timeline, in terms of understanding the Russian government-directed hacking operation, when the emails were removed from the various individuals that were attacked, and then when things were publicized -- that is outlined in the recent indictment on July 13 this year -- of the various Russian intelligence officers -- yes.

So in that it lays out a very detailed timeline of when the first -- they are called spear phishing attacks occurred in Russian -- in -- against Clinton campaign officials, including the chairman of
the Clinton campaign. And then at what point the Russian operators for the first time started to put information out in the public about these matters. That is -- that timeline has the hacking occurring in March, middle of March, 2016. So prior to the conversation between Mr. Mifsud and your husband.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah.

...: And it has the public release through the website of DCLEAKS.COM occurring in the beginning of June. So after that conversation.

MS. MANGIANTE: Yeah. Just one second. Just -- I need to take a pain killer so I don't feel --

(Pause.)

MS. MANGIANTE: I see that isn't -- sorry, just --

...: Take your time.

(Pause.)

MS. MANGIANTE: Okay. Now, so you were -- you referred to the documents, or the -- yeah, that was an interesting --

...: But that lays out a timeline of both the hacking operation and the --
MS. MANGIANTE: So the hacking operation started on --

[Silence]

Yes. And you will see it is laid out in detail.

Did Mr. Papadopoulos attend the inauguration?

MS. MANGIANTE: I think he did.

[Silence] Do you know who he attended with?

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know.

Did he go to any events?

MS. MANGIANTE: I wasn't -- I think he did, yeah.

[Silence] I think I missed this in the conversation earlier. When did Mr. Millian offer to pay Papadopoulos $30,000 a month? When was that?

MS. MANGIANTE: Some time before I even met George, some time in 2016.

[Silence] During the election? During --

MS. MANGIANTE: I don't -- I really don't know.

[Silence] You don't know whether it was during the election or during the --
MS. MANGIANTE: I don't know.

-- transition?

MS. MANGIANTE: I -- exactly. I don't know.

Okay.

(Pause.)

Thank you again for all of your time. I really appreciate it.

MS. MANGIANTE: Thank you.

(Whereupon, at 3:23 p.m., the interview was adjourned.)

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